

Law and order tops package for the polls

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

The Government launched in the Queen's Speech yesterday a 19-Bill parliamentary programme for what MPs are convinced will be the run-up to a general election within a year.

Its emphasis is on law and order, local government and education, with a rates reform package for Scotland which will be extended to the rest of Britain if the Conservatives win the election.

In the Commons Mrs Margaret Thatcher raised election expectations by spending as much time on a withering assault on Labour's policies on defence as she did outlining the legislative programme.

Labour's leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, speaking earlier, pledged opposition to the attempt to replace Scottish rates with a community charge on everyone over 18 and to the plan to repeal arrangements for teachers' pay. The major item in the lighter-than-average legislative programme is the Criminal Justice Bill, which includes powers for confiscation of big-time criminals' assets, tougher penalties for financial fraud and for carrying firearms, streamlined

The main Bills

- **Criminal Justice:** Provides for confiscation of assets of big-time criminals, allows children to give evidence by video link.
- **Education:** Scraps Burnham machinery for fixing teachers' pay.
- **Abolition of Domestic Rates (Scotland).**
- **Local Government:** Forces councils to put out to tender such services as catering, refuse collection and vehicle maintenance.
- **Landlord and Tenant:** Strengthens rights of tenants in privately owned blocks of flats.
- **Consumer Protection:** Gives the right to compensation for injuries caused by defective products.

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extradition procedures, increased compensation provisions for victims and provision for children to give evidence by live video link in sex and assault cases.

The Government has long been pledged to the abolition of domestic rates and the process will begin with a Bill to replace rates in Scotland with a community charge. Resentment of high rates after a revaluation in the opinion polls and in danger of losing more than half their 21 seats.

Non-domestic rates will be index linked from 1989-90 but the Bill will not introduce the unified business rate which the Government is planning in Britain if rates reform is extended to the rest of the country after the election.

Further local government

measures will include a Bill to force councils to put out to competitive tender services such as catering, vehicle maintenance and refuse collection and to prevent councils imposing what the Government sees as unfair non-commercial conditions on companies tendering for local authority contracts.

The Department of the Environment, with the heaviest legislative workload, will also have a Bill to increase the rights of flat-dwellers in privately-owned blocks whose owners fail to provide adequate maintenance or over-charge for services and a Bill to implement the Poppelwell inquiry's recommendations for tightening up safety at sports grounds.

An Education Bill will repeal the Remuneration of

115,000 acres for city development

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

New powers to force local authorities and nationalised industries to dispose of unused land in an effort to promote building development in inner- and outer-city areas are to be announced by the Government tonight. The move could eventually free up to 115,000 acres.

The Government is to include powers in the new local government Bill to plug loopholes which give local councils the means to delay orders of ministers to sell off land.

The 1980 Local Government (Planning and Land) Act gave the Secretary of State for the Environment powers to direct authorities to sell. Until September last year the powers had been used only four times.

Since then Mr John Patten, the Minister for Housing, Urban Affairs and Construction, has used the powers 140 times as part of the campaign to regenerate the inner cities.

But unco-operative councils are able to delay orders by up to a year by legitimate use of the law as it stands.

Under plans for streamlining and speeding up the procedures, to be announced by Mr Patten to the Royal

Commission, that timescale will be cut to about two months at most.

At present the Secretary of State orders authorities to sell off parts of their land which the land register shows as unused. The register indicates every site in the country of an acre or more which is lying unused.

Councils are given 42 days to respond. The Secretary of State then issues a direction for authorities to dispose of the land by public auction, but by stating that they have amended their plans, however slightly, the councils can force the whole procedure to be started again from scratch and can continue to make minor amendments thus delaying the procedure endlessly.

Mr Patten is to take powers to force the authorities to dispose of the land quickly without right of appeal and to demand of councils more information about the land they have on the register.

Since the land register was set up about 24,000 acres have been sold, but ministers believe there is huge scope for further development



The Princess of Wales chatting with traditionally dressed Omani women students during a visit to the Sultan Qaboos University yesterday. Report, page 8.

Prisoners release 5 hostages

By Howard Foster

The first sign of a breakthrough in the Peterhead jail siege came yesterday when five sick prisoners were released from the cell block that has been occupied for five days.

Delicate negotiations between prison authorities and the prisoners to secure the release of the officer, Mr John Crossan, who has been held hostage since Sunday bore fruit when the five men, all needing medication, climbed from a first floor window to join prison staff.

In return, the remaining inmates, including a small hard core who started the riot and siege were passed sandwiches and cigarettes.

Mr Crossan, aged 25, who was seized by the three ring leaders of the protest on Sunday, was seen to be crying and covered his face with his hands as he was escorted by 34 of the 50 prisoners on to the roof of their cell block yesterday morning.

Whilst the Scottish Office and the prison staff remained silent about the true nature and scale of the negotiations to end the siege it is understood that trained psychologists are inside Peterhead's jail advising staff how to initiate and develop a relationship with the volatile prisoners.

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£1.6m research on helicopter safety

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

A £1.6 million research fund is to be set up to develop new monitoring techniques for helicopter gearboxes.

The Department of Transport is to provide £500,000 immediately to launch the fund, with the rest coming from the industry and the Civil Aviation Authority.

The main aim of the research will be to develop HUMS - Health Usage and Monitoring Systems - which will be installed deep within

had an early indication that something was wrong.

The crashed helicopter carried an experimental version of the system but it was only linked to the engine and monitored changes in temperature and vibration levels.

The trouble was eventually traced to a fatigue crack in a cog in the forward gearbox. The new HUMS system will be installed near that part and will automatically warn the pilot if there is a problem.

The helicopter manufacturers, Boeing, have now been asked to supply modified parts for the gearbox for the other three identical helicopters in British International's fleet. If they can be shipped to Scotland quickly the modification will be carried out and the CAA asked to certify the aircraft as fit to fly.

The potential disaster was foreseen by the Airworthiness Requirements Board when it studied helicopter safety between 1982 and 1984. They said in the report: "Gear teeth and other parts of the transmission may crack from stress concentrations or local material defects..."

Work has been going on in a number of helicopter manufacturers, including Westland, in designing an efficient monitoring system. Now the new research fund will enable much of this work to be pulled together.

Teacher talks under threat

By Mark Dowd
Education Reporter

Deep divisions between the six teaching unions were last night threatening to wreck hopes for a negotiated settlement on pay and conditions at reconvened talks with local authorities in London.

After several hours of exchanges, it became clear that two of the unions, the National Union of Teachers and the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, who between them represent more than half the teachers in England and Wales, had voted in favour of the employers' new pay proposals.

These contain an average pay increase of nearly 4 per cent on the deal signed at Coventry in July and also boost the number of principal teacher posts for special responsibilities from 15 to 20 per cent.

Three other unions, however, including the heads, were rejecting the offer flatly, with the sixth union, the Professional Association of Teachers, reserving judgment.

The disagreements appear to be playing straight into the hands of Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education.

He has threatened to impose his own solution should the teachers and local authorities fail to agree on a package acceptable to him.

Although a combination of the NUT and the AMMA gives the employers a voting majority for their deal in the teachers' panel, a settlement opposed by, among others, both heads unions, would clearly lack any credibility.

The General Secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, Mr David Hart, said: "I'm not pretending there has been no progress and clearly some primary heads would, under the employers' offer, get more money than under the Baker package."

But he said that many head teachers in secondary schools would be worse off. Sir John Wood, Chairman of the ACAS team, was last night holding one to one sessions with the dissenting union leaders in an effort to win them round.

Aids test centres 'unable to cope'

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Health experts gave warning yesterday that the Government's new publicity campaign on Aids could result in blood testing centres being unable to cope with a huge increase in demand for tests and advice.

Leaflets will be sent to 23 million homes and there will be television commercials, posters and newspaper advertisements giving Aids advice later this month. But there has been no allocation of extra resources announced by the Government.

However, doctors are already reporting a 300 per cent increase in men and women attending clinics for sexually-transmitted diseases to be tested for signs of Aids infection, after recent publicity.

The British Medical Association has urged the Department of Health to provide extra cash to deal with the much bigger surge that is expected in the next few weeks.

"It would be a tragedy if, having properly alerted the public, the Department does not make sure that there are adequate resources quickly made available to handle the response," a senior spokeswoman for the BMA said.

"We are anxious about this situation. Although people who fear that they may have the Aids virus can go to their GP for a blood test, in fact most seem to prefer to attend a hospital or STD clinic."

Dr Tom McManus, a consultant in genito-urinary medicine at King's College Hospital, who leads counselling at the Alexander STD clinic at St Giles Hospital in South London, said there had been a tripling of heterosexuals seeking the test in the past week.

"We will not be able to cope with the new demand without extra medical and counselling staff," he said. "Recent publicity has clearly prompted many more people out with the high-risk groups to come forward and the Government campaign will mean a greater increase. Some clinics are in danger of being overwhelmed."

Queen Mother resting

The Queen Mother spent a comfortable day in hospital resting her injured leg yesterday.

She is expected to stay in the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, London, for another day or two.

She is recovering from an injury to her shin, sustained on holiday in Scotland three weeks ago, which has been slow to heal.

It was emphasized at Clarence House, her official residence, that she was not suffering from a venous leg ulcer, a chronic and recurrent condition which mainly affects the elderly.

Lady Fermoy, the Queen Mother's lady-in-waiting, spent more than an hour with her yesterday afternoon, and left carrying two baskets of flowers.

The Queen Mother's hospital room is said to be full of bouquets from well-wishers.

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Force for the future: the software and hardware behind hi-tech policing

Portfolio Gold

● There was no winner in The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition yesterday so today's prize is doubled to £5,000.
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Israelis to stay silent on Vanunu

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

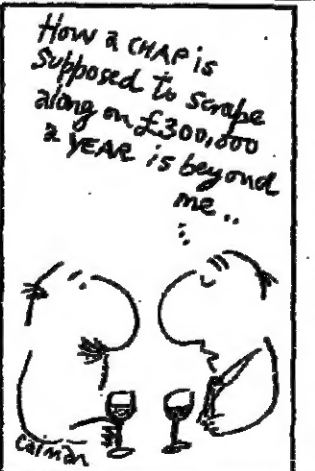
The Israeli Government does not intend to give Britain a detailed explanation of how Mr Mordechai Vanunu was brought to Israel after vanishing from London on September 30, a source in the Prime Minister's office has said.

Mr Vanunu, the nuclear technician who told The Sunday Times that Israel has a nuclear arsenal, is in prison here. The Foreign Office has asked for clarification of how this happened.

The office of Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, is preparing a reply which will say in essence that no UK law was broken and no British national was involved in doing anything unlawful, but it remains to be seen whether Britain will be satisfied with such a vague and unsubstantiated answer.

An admission of Mr Vanunu's capture was virtually forced out of the Government by stories of his arrest in the foreign press.

Mr Shamir is said to be furious about what he considers were serious breaches of censorship regulations by foreign correspondents and is considering tough new censorship controls which would include legal punishment for any reporters breaking them.



Kremlin boycotts Molotov's funeral

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

Anxious to distance itself from the bitter memory of the Stalin purges, the Kremlin yesterday boycotted the funeral of Vyacheslav Molotov, one of the former dictator's most ruthless associates who, before his death at the age of 96, had served the state both as Foreign and Prime Minister.

The emotional 30-minute ceremony behind the red brick walls of Moscow's exclusive Novodevichy cemetery - out of bounds to all without special permission - was notable chiefly for the lack of speeches and the conspicuous absence of any member of the ruling Politburo.

"It was a completely private affair, curiously low key for a

Dealer bought via US

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Mr Geoffrey Collier, the director who resigned from Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, earlier this week had broken the bank's house rules by buying shares in AE, the engineering company, through an outside broker.

Scrimgeour Vickers, the stockbroker who sold the shares to Mr Collier, alerted Morgan Grenfell when Mr Robert Maxwell's Hollis Group made a bid for AE after the shares were purchased. Morgan Grenfell is acting as adviser to Hollis.

Neither the Stock Exchange nor Morgan Grenfell have suggested that Mr Collier was asked to resign for anything other than a breach of Morgan Grenfell's house rules.

A Stock Exchange committee was yesterday investigating the information passed to it by Morgan Grenfell.

Mr Collier used a company to buy shares through Scrimgeour Vickers' Los Angeles office which then executed the order in London.

The broken rules Page 23

Atlantic battle for Tabarly

Eric Tabarly, one of the world's best known sailors, sent out a distress call yesterday in the Atlantic after his trimaran began to disintegrate in atrocious weather 200 miles west of Cap Finistere.

The Frenchman, a national hero after winning the 1964 single-handed Transatlantic race, was in the Route du Rhum race from St Malo to Guadeloupe, West Indies, when the front of one of his floats broke off. There were fears that the other float would go too.

Dealer bought via US

man who had played such a large part in Soviet history," explained one of the mourners. "One got the impression that the top people in our Government wanted nothing to do with it at all. I think they were angry that so many Western journalists tried to attend."

A number of ordinary citizens present at the windswept cemetery as the coffin arrived in a battered, black and white mini-bus expressed anger that the news of Molotov's death last Saturday had been suppressed.

"I think the Government should at least have told us about it," said one Second World War veteran.

The choice of cemetery, the second most prestigious in the Soviet Union, was an indication

that although shunned by the present leadership, Mr Molotov did not die in disgrace. Other graves in the sprawling graveyard include those of Gogol, Chekhov, Anastas Mikoyan, another great Bolshevik survivor and Nikita Khrushchev.

As mourners exchanged personal reminiscences under a stone grey sky, one told for the first time of the shock which the 94-year-old Molotov had received when he was finally offered his party card back in 1984.

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NEWS SUMMARY

£251,000 writ

Mr David Selbourne, the lecturer boycotted by his students over an article written in *The Times*, issued a writ yesterday for breach of contract against Ruskin College, Oxford, claiming £251,000 in loss of potential earnings (Our Legal Correspondent writes).

Mr Selbourne terminated his contract with the college at the start of this term after it refused to give an undertaking that he would be given freedom to publish what articles where and when he wished. He also wanted the college to affirm generally the right of any of its staff and students to publish their views as they saw fit.

Mr Selbourne, who was censured for his action by the Ruskin governors after the student union boycott, is also seeking a further amount, to be assessed, for loss of pension contributions plus damages and costs.

The writ says Mr Selbourne was free to "express his political, religious, social and academic views" provided this was done in his own name and not in the name of the college.

Torso appeal

Detectives investigating the discovery of a woman's skinned torso yesterday continued questioning a couple held during raids in three towns. Two men and two women were released, three on police bail.

Police believe the dead woman disappeared from Crawley in mid-August, but her absence was not reported. Her body was found in Ashdown Forest, East Sussex, on August 31, wrapped in a package in a shallow grave.

Police appealed for help in tracing curtains, a negligee and nightdress used as wrappings.

Irish ban on books

Two controversial books have been barred from the shelves of Ireland's largest booksellers because of fears they could result in legal action for libel (Richard Ford writes).

A biography of Mr Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, and a book on the Stalker affair will not appear in Easons, a company with 18 shops.

The book on Mr Paisley, published this month, has been refused by the company after they sought legal advice.

Bomb trial man free

Peter O'Loughlin, aged 27, of Londonderry, was cleared on the instructions of a judge at the Central Criminal Court yesterday of involvement in an attempted Irish National Liberation Army bomb attack at Chelsea barracks a year ago.

The ruling, by Mr Justice Kenneth Jones, followed two days of legal argument after which the prosecution offered no evidence.

Patrick McLaughlin, also from Londonderry, is facing a similar charge.

Player to sue

David Bishop, the scrum-half banned for a year by the Welsh Rugby Union, is to take action against it in the High Court.

The ban came after Mr Bishop's conviction in Newport Crown Court, Dyfed, for punching another player during a match. His one-month jail sentence was later suspended.



Knowsley Liberals making headway

By Richard Evans
Political Correspondent

Voters in the Labour stronghold of Knowsley, North go to the polls today amid growing signs that the Liberal/SDP Alliance has made substantial headway in the closing days of the by-election campaign.

Although the Merseyside constituency is Labour's third safest seat in England, the Liberal camp yesterday confidently predicted a photo-finish and last night an independent poll confirmed a swing away from Mr George Howarth, the Labour candidate, to Miss Rosemary Cooper, the Liberal contestant.

Miss Cooper, a combative candidate who has successfully exploited local issues including poor housing, predicted: "The dragon will win, not George."

Mr David Alton, the Liberal's chief whip, said the last two Merseyside by-elections - Edge Hill and Crosby - had resulted in famous Alliance victories. "I am convinced we will make it a hat-trick tomorrow."

Mr Howarth, imposed as candidate against the wishes of his Militant dominated local party, remains favourite to win the seat but there were signs within the Labour camp yesterday that it could be an uncomfortably close outcome.

It is acknowledged that the Liberals cut into their support last week when Mr Howarth was confined to a hospital bed.

Liberal strategists believe privately their impressive rally has probably come too late to enable them to pull off what would be a sensational by-election victory. One senior party official estimated yesterday they could finish up 2,000 votes short of success.

Their latest canvass figures put Labour ahead on 52 per cent, Liberals on 40 per cent with the Conservatives trailing badly on 6 per cent.

Labour's calculations show that 66 per cent of those voters who have indicated a firm preference will back Labour, 8 per cent the Liberals, 4 per cent the Conservatives and 5 per cent other candidates. They accept most of the 16 per cent undecided voters will probably back the Liberals.

Past by-elections have shown that eve of poll forecasts by the Liberals tend to be much more accurate than Labour's, who overstate their own support.

In spite of the different predictions, both parties agree that a combination of apathy and an out of date electoral register are likely to result in a low turnout of around 50 per cent, compared with nearly 70 per cent at the 1983 general election - that is likely to benefit the Liberals.

The by-election was caused by the resignation of the former Labour MP Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk after a prolonged battle with Militant within his own local party.

General election 1983: R. Kilroy-Silk, 11, 24,949; A. Birch, (C), 7,758; B. McColligan, (SDP/All), 5,715; J. Simons, (WRP), 245.



Peterhead prisoners, with the hostage warder circled, starting their sit-in on the damaged jail roof yesterday

Confrontation avoided over Wright affair
MI5 papers 'handed over'

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

As the British Government agreed yesterday to hand over a number of highly classified documents about MI5 to Australian defence lawyers, Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, flew out to Sydney where he is to be the star witness in the case involving a book by the former senior MI5 officer, Mr Peter Wright.

The anxiety which is felt by the Government over the Wright affair was evident yesterday when Sir Robert arrived at Heathrow Airport for his flight.

Faced with a group of photographers waiting outside a VIP lounge, Sir Robert, Britain's most senior Civil Servant, turned on one of them and pushed him against the wall with his briefcase.

The photographer, Mr Dennis Stone, who had asked him to stop for a photograph, said that his camera was damaged as Sir Robert "lashed out" with his briefcase.

Sir Robert later came out from the VIP lounge to apologise and agreed to pose for pictures, commenting to the astonished photographers: "Can we do it properly now?"

Mr Stone remarked: "I asked him to stop for a photograph. The next I knew I was up against the wall. He barged me, then he hit me with his briefcase and broke my camera."

Sir Robert will be appearing as a witness for the Government next Monday in the attempt to stop publication in Australia of the book about MI5 by Mr Wright.

Whitehall sources said yesterday that the Australian government had still not indicated whether it would support the British argument that publication of the book would destroy the confidentiality rule which governs all officers, both past and present, employed by the two intelligence services, MI5 and MI6.

One source said that it was "very important" that the Australian government gave its support because this could have a helpful influence in the court case.

Confrontation with the court was avoided yesterday by the British Government when Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, agreed to hand over certain documents to the defence lawyers in the case. Mr Justice Powell of the New South Wales Supreme Court had set a deadline of yesterday for the documents to be presented.

Whitehall sources said that the documents related to MI5 and Mr Wright's career.

One source said: "In our view we have complied with the judge's order but the defence lawyers have now asked for more documents."

Sir Robert has been briefed thoroughly by the head of MI5 to prepare him for his cross-examination next week. However under the procedure laid down for the case, he is not supposed to be questioned about allegations in the book that the late Sir Roger Hollis, the former director-general of MI5 was a KGB spy.

The whole case is intended to focus on the issue of confidentiality.

The Attorney General was asked last night whether he would prosecute Mr Malcolm Muggeridge, the writer and broadcaster, Lord Dacre, the historian, and other senior figures who are alleged to have talked about their work for the security services.

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, the Labour MP for Worthing, tabled questions to Sir Michael Havers naming a further 18 alleged former security service officers who have spoken about their work in a book about the Anthony Blunt spy scandal, *Conspiracy of Silence*, which is to be published next week.

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Ridley to resist Green Belt building

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

The Government's strongest warning of its determination to resist large-scale housing and retail developments in the South-east was delivered yesterday by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment.

It also became clear that such opposition is to be used to counter the North-South divide by encouraging employers and workers to look further afield for commercial and job opportunities.

In a speech which delighted many Conservative MPs and ministers, Mr Ridley said that developers should be aware that there was to be "no let-up" in the Government's firm Green Belt policy. "We are not going to see the Green Belt taken over by shopping malls and leisure complexes," he told the Conservative businessmen's dining club in Westminster.

Although prevented by his quasi-judicial role in determining planning applications from mentioning any specific developments, Mr Ridley's words were taken to mean that recently publicised plans for "shopping parks" and leisure complexes close to the M25 around London would be resisted.

MPs also believe plans for six satellite villages close to London submitted by Consortium Developments, a group of leading construction companies, could be doomed.

The hearing into the application for the first, at Tillingham Hall in Essex, has been completed, and the planning inspector will soon submit his report to Mr Ridley for a decision.

Mr William Waldegrave, Minister for the Environment, has ordered local authorities to consult the Government before approving any retail developments of more than 250,000 square feet of floor space.

Mr Ridley's warning is of special significance because before his appointment he was one of the Cabinet's leading deregulators and was thought to be one of those ministers least committed to maintaining the Green Belt.



Sir Robert Armstrong and photographer Dennis Stone during their clash at Heathrow Airport yesterday.

A third take Wapping offer

By Tim Jones

News International announced last night that more than 1,200 former members of staff have accepted the company's compensation offer.

In addition, 300 more people have indicated that they want to accept as soon as they can settle details of their payment.

Together they make up 30 per cent of the 5,500 staff who were dismissed in January after they had gone on strike.

A company statement said: "The total of ex-staff applying for payment is increasing in a strong, continuous flow and has gone up by over 400 since last weekend."

"Among those who have

now said they want to take the compensation - based on four weeks' pay per year of service - are four fathers of chapels (union branch officials).

"In response to the number of applications the company has extended the deadline it originally set for last Monday."

Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman of News International, said last night: "I repeat there will be no more negotiations with the print unions. This is the last chance for former members of our staff to make individual settlements."

Since the dispute began, the company has published *The Times* and four other national newspapers at its high-tech

nology plant at Wapping, east London.

Miss Brenda Dean, general secretary of Sogat '82, has blamed her members in the provinces for the course which her union's dispute with News International has taken.

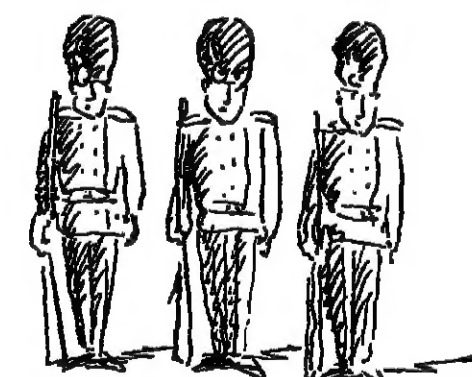
She claimed that it would have been a "different story" if Sogat members outside London had supported the former employees of the company.

Her comments, on Granada Television's *Union World* programme, to be broadcast tonight on Channel 4, are made during a confrontation with Mr Eddy Shah, the newspaper proprietor, who said that the unions at Wapping had committed "Hari Kari".

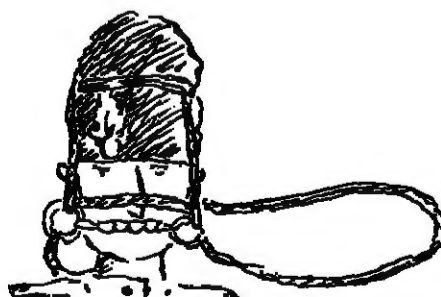
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The General Synod

Africa committee is set up

The General Synod of the Church of England voted by 360 to 39 with 15 abstentions last night to set up a committee on black African concerns. This reversed a decision by the synod last February.

The task of the committee will be to monitor church issues affecting black Anglicans and other policy implications for minority ethnic groups within the church and the wider community.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, said that to talk of national unity while doing nothing about one of their own most gaping divisions would impoverish their own witness and as they were a multiracial church they must take decisions in a multiracial way.

The church needed what minority ethnic groups could bring to it - enthusiasm, freshness, commitment, creativity, and new ways of decision-making. It also

needed to learn from their experience of being pushed to the margins in the church and in society.

"That is why we want to remove barriers that hinder their effective participation," Canon Ivor Smith-Cameron (Southwark) said black people had been depressed and frustrated by what they deemed to be a serious rebuff earlier this year.

"Not only must the black presence be there and be seen to be there within the decision-making structures of the Church of England but the future shape of the church, especially the enrichment of the lives of her younger members, must reveal this new significant dimension. We cannot simply go on as we are," he said.

The Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard, said they must make black people believe that all doors of the Church of England were open.

Taking three steps nearer Rome

By Angela Johnson

The Church of England moved a step closer to Rome yesterday when the General Synod endorsed agreements on three key ecumenical issues which will pave the way for further dialogue between both churches.

Members of the 565-strong body were asked to make definitive pronouncements on the Church's official response to - the Lima text on Baptism, Eucharist, and Ministry (BEM); and the final report of the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC).

The vote overwhelmingly accepted the less controversial theological statement of BEM, and after much debate ap-

proved the ARCIC statement on the Eucharist and the ministry.

This is part of a world-wide process in both churches to prepare for official decisions on unity by the Vatican and the Lambeth Conference in 1988.

A third doctrinal statement, and the authority of the Pope looks set for a rough ride when it is debated in the Synod today. It has already been criticized by the House of Laity, because its members believe they will have little say in a church united under a Catholic Pope.

Yesterday's vote, though in favour of the two ARCIC statements, following a division of the Synod's three

Canon Gordon Dodson (Norwich) said he did not like the use of the word "black". The Labour Party had set itself against separate black sections and he hoped that if a political party could get it right the church could too.

Canon George Austin (St Albans) feared that to suggest there was a black point of view which needed a committee was to exhibit prejudice which must be resisted.

The Bishop of Sturminster, the Right Rev James Thompson, said that in his diocese they experienced the joy of multi-national Christian faith.

The Bishop of Leicester, the Right Rev Cecil Hunt, said he feared that without the proposal the church might become a white ghetto and that would be horrifying.

An attempt by Mr Christopher Whitney (Hereford) to amend the name of the body to the Committee on Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns was heavily defeated.

Houses (Clergy, Bishops and Laity), also registered a strong protest vote of just under a third in the House of Laity.

Professor David McClean, chairman of the House of Laity, supported the ARCIC resolutions but felt he had to voice the opposing view of the Laity.

He called for more "clarity" and less "diversity" before the ARCIC report could be accepted. In particular he wanted further discussions into the matter of Papal authority.

Mr Frank Williams, of Edgware, Middlesex, from the House of Laity, supported the move towards a united church and said "We cannot and must not hold back."

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Police chief criticizes 'safety measures' that led to Bradford horror

By Ian Smith

Increasing government concern about football crowd violence and club measures made necessary to curb hooliganism contributed to the appalling death toll at the Bradford City football ground where 56 people burnt to death, a police chief told the High Court in Leeds yesterday.

The hearing was told that emergency exits were locked to keep out intruders; stewards carrying keys were frightened to wear uniforms in case they were attacked and fire hydrants were non-existent because of fears that they would be used as weapons by warring terrace gangs.

It meant that when a carelessly discarded cigarette set alight mounds of paper strewn 12 inches deep under loose-fitting floorboards in block G of the grandstand, panicking spectators were trapped.

Some kicked down barred exit doors but most died as they groped their way along an 8 foot square rear corridor through swirling fumes of dense black smoke which restricted visibility to just four inches.

The grim scenario of modern-day football was presented to Mr Justice Cantley by a West Yorkshire chief inspector, Charles Mawson, who was in charge of 140 police patrolling the ground on the Saturday in May 1985, when Bradford City were playing their last home fixture before a capacity crowd before promotion to the second division.

The High Court hearing will decide whether Bradford City Football Club, the Health and Safety Executive and the now defunct West Yorkshire County Council must bear legal liability for the catastrophe. If a test case brought by Mrs Susan Fletcher, aged 34, and her son Martin, aged 12, succeeds then another 109 claimants will seek millions of pounds in damages.

Mrs Fletcher lost her husband, John, aged 34, son Andrew, aged 11, brother-in-law Peter and his father, Edmund, aged 64. Martin escaped by vaulting a wall leading on to the pitch.

Under cross-examination by Mr Roy McAuley, QC, representing the club, Mr

Disaster hero braved flames to rescue man

Police Sergeant David Britton, aged 42, spoke yesterday of his efforts to save an elderly man.

As the grandstand erupted in flames Sgt Britton noticed the man vainly trying to scramble over a chest-high wall.

"The clothes on his back were on fire. I ran over to rescue him. Fire had engulfed the whole stand and the heat was intense - I have never felt heat like that before. As I ran towards him the heat was so intense on my forehead and face my skin began to tingle and I was beginning to feel the effects."

"For a fleeting moment I thought I cannot stand this heat any more but suddenly I developed tunnel vision, didn't look left or right or think about anything else except that I must rescue this man."

Sgt Britton fought his way to the man and grabbed him by his waist to pull him to safety as a second officer arrived to help. It was not until he watched a television recording of the rescue later that day he realized his own hair had exploded in flames.

In spite of the rescue the spectator died from his injuries nine weeks later.

In a parallel case to the one brought by Mrs Fletcher the same defendants are contesting an action brought by Sgt Britton, who is supported by the Police Federation.

Both Sgt Britton and Chief Insp Charles Mawson will go to Buckingham Palace next Tuesday where the Queen will present them with gallantry medals.

Mawson agreed a fine line had to be drawn between the need to ensure crowd safety while taking every precaution to prevent mob violence.

Mr Mawson said at the time of the fire there was widespread concern about football violence both at government and local level. In many football grounds stewards were singled out for violence as were the young or very old who were considered soft options by the thugs.

He agreed that finance split soccer clubs into two camps - the "Rolls-Royce" clubs who could afford expensive "bouncer-like" stewards to patrol exits and the shoestring clubs who relied upon diehard, lifelong supporters to do the work cheaply. At Bradford the keys needed so desperately that day were in the care of two brothers, their sister and her sister-in-law.

But Mr Mawson denied that attention had been focused on crowd control and hooliganism to the detriment of safety or that the fire hazard potential had been swept out of sight.

If he had known about letters written by West Yorkshire County Council which is the area fire authority and the Health and Safety Executive drawing club attention to the fire risk, he said he would have ensured the matter was vigorously pursued.

Mr Mawson was scathing about the Government's 1976 "green guide" on football ground safety which judged buildings similar to the 1909 timber-built grandstand at Bradford should be capable of evacuation within 2 1/2 minutes.

He said that the guide made no allowance for the aged, infirm or fathers shepherding out young children but instead assumed every grandstand spectator was a fit, healthy individual singlemindedly concentrating on getting out as quickly as possible.

The deadly accuracy of his claim that the Bradford grandstand was a "slow clearing" area was sadly proven when he saw with astonishment how people were unwilling to divert their attention from the drama played out on the football pitch in front of them long enough to save their own lives.

They were reluctant to stand up and move out of their seats and dozens of the 2,000 grandstand inhabitants sat peering up at the fire in the roof above them, hopelessly unaware that flames were racing towards them "running with lightning wings".

The hearing continues today.



Mark Thatcher and his fiancée Diane Bergdorf leaving Downing Street by a back exit yesterday (Photograph: John Manning).

Telegraph refuses to dismiss Thatcher

By a Staff Reporter

Miss Carol Thatcher, the Prime Minister's daughter, has asked to be dismissed from her job as a features writer with *The Daily Telegraph* and be paid compensation.

But Mr Max Hastings, editor of *The Daily Telegraph*, has refused her request. Mr Hastings said Miss Thatcher asked to be dismissed after he told her she would be transferred from the

features department to one which publishes editorial supplements. "She chose, however, to demand to be dismissed with compensation. This demand was renewed in a letter from Miss Thatcher's solicitors received by the newspaper on Tuesday. "As far as I am concerned there remains no question of her being dismissed," Mr Hastings said.

Life for murder of governor

A man aged 28 was given a double life sentence yesterday for his part in the "ruthless" assassination two years ago of an assistant prison governor.

Eugene Gilmartin, of Laburnum Way, Belfast, denied the charge but was sentenced for the murder of Mr William McConnell, deputy governor of the Maze, in March 1984, and for possessing the guns used in the IRA shooting. Mr McConnell was shot in the driveway of his home. Gilmartin was also given concurrent sentences of between three and seven years for kidnapping two elderly neighbours of Mr McConnell, and for hijacking their car.

Death driver gets two years

An accountant who knocked down and killed a cyclist aged 11 while overtaking on a crest of a hill was jailed for two years at Liverpool Crown Court yesterday. He had been driving with twice the legal alcohol limit after an evening at his golf club.

Arthur Stanley Jenson, aged 67, from Formby, who admitted causing the death of Sandra Mitchell in Kirkdale Road, Formby, in April was disqualified from driving for five years.

Parkinson win in bins dispute

Michael Parkinson, the television personality, has gained a victory over his local council in a dispute about new wheeled rubbish bins.

Together with others who live in Bray, near Maidenhead, Berkshire, he criticized a council plan which would have meant residents would have to wheel the new large bins to the front of their homes for dustmen to collect. Dustmen will now remove the bins from back doors.

Eton remand

Kenneth Butterfield, aged 25, of Osborne Street, Windsor, was remanded in custody for seven days by magistrates at Slough, Berkshire, yesterday, accused of kidnapping a boy aged 10 from Eton College.

Tour operators' conference Thomson drive to raise tour standards Blacklist proposal for overbooking on holiday flights

From Derek Harris, Brisbane

Thomson Holidays, Britain's biggest tour operator which launched this year's price war, started a new battle yesterday - to raise the standards of holidays.

The Association of British Travel Agents was told about a three-point initiative which will include the establishment of a "holiday university" in Majorca, from which Thomson will regularly select package tour representatives.

The company is also recruiting specially trained representatives to tackle maintenance and running repair problems in villas and apartments.

And it is to give a new series of awards for excellence to hotels and resorts in 12 categories, with the first winner to be announced in December, based on voting by Thomson holidaymakers this year.

Mr Paul Brett, managing director of Thomson Holidays, said: "The holiday price war is not over yet, but we are starting this new war to raise the standards of package holidays."

A six-week course in Majorca, covering various aspects of service in the holiday industry, is expected to cost about £350, including flights. This figure could be reduced through grants that are expected to be made available and Thomson is likely to make loans or a stage payments system available.

Next year the company is offering 1,000 places on courses beginning in January.

Thomson is basing the courses on a successful Scandinavian venture and expects foreign nationals at holiday destinations to take places as well as Britons. Those successful on the courses will receive a diploma.

Thomson intends recruiting about half of them. The remainder, it is claimed, should be in a good position to obtain jobs elsewhere.

Thomson expects to subsidize the courses to some extent and maintains there should be no difficulty in attracting recruits, in spite of the cost of the course. Applications for jobs at Thomson are 10 times greater than the 400 to 500 jobs usually available each year.

The company intends to seek official educational validation for the courses which it hopes will continue the process of the past five years in improving quality of service in the industry.

Mr Brett said: "We want to raise the stakes with something which competitors will find more difficult to match."

Tour operators who overbook airline seats, which sometimes results in holidaymakers missing their flights, could be blacklisted by charter airlines and possibly lose their licences.

This suggestion was made yesterday at the annual convention of the Association of British Travel Agents (Abta).

In a debate on holiday industry problems, Mr Trevor Coe, deputy commercial manager of Monarch Airlines, the charter airline which is part of the Cosmos holidays and travel group, called for a new initiative.

He said overbooking had become quite a severe problem.

Remedies suggested by Mr Coe, which include blacklisting offending tour operators, are to be considered by Abta.

But Mr Roger Allard, head of Owners Abroad, which organizes cheap flights for holiday villa owners, has, together with representatives of two other leading travel companies, talked to the Civil Aviation Authority about supplying it with information that might lead to a possible review of the licences of persistent overbooking offenders.

Mr Coe said the overbooking mainly concerned larger aircraft shared by a number of smaller tour operators. Some operators were consistently overbooking and then telling their customers to arrive early at airports so that they secured seats, to the detriment of later arrivals who

had been properly booked. One of the difficulties is that tickets written for package holiday charter flights are not necessarily stamped with the issuer's name. With late bookings it is customary for tickets to be issued by a tour operator's agent from blanks at the airport.

This means the charter airlines cannot easily check on the issuing of tickets and some operators may not be passing on to the airlines payments for the tickets they have issued when overbooking.

Monarch had tackled the overbooking problem and had achieved a "vast improvement", according to Mr Coe.

But he added: "The problem has not been completely solved even though we have scaled it down. Not only does this give tour operators a hard time but it also reflects on the airline."

One method of dealing with persistent offenders would be to have a system for travellers to be notified 24 hours in advance. However, this would present administrative difficulties, Mr Coe said.

A second preferred method would be to issue a warning. Then airlines would refuse to transport passengers from a suspected tour operator, possibly encouraging other airlines to co-operate in establishing a black list of offending operators.

If subsequent paperwork on tickets were speeded up, it would be easier for airlines to pinpoint offending tour operators, Mr Coe said.

Doubts over ban on aircraft drunks

The Office of Fair Trading has told the Association of British Travel Agents that it has reservations about a new drive to tackle drunkenness on holiday flights.

The OFT has misgivings about some possible effects of banning drunk or disorderly passengers from holiday flights, Mr Ken Franklin, chairman of Abta's tour operators council, said.

The OFT is concerned that off-loaded passengers could be denied the holiday they have paid for, or if one member of a family is denied a flight it could mean the whole family would miss their holiday.

Mr Franklin said: "What they are saying is that it is one thing to deny boarding on one particular flight and quite

another to deprive the offender of the complete package holiday."

The OFT's reservations emerged after a guidance note to members from Abta, which suggested members should include in brochures a warning saying: "If you are prevented from boarding an aircraft because, in the opinion of any person in authority at the airport, including for example the police, the pilot or security personnel, you appear by reason of intoxicating liquor or misuse of drugs to be unfit to travel our responsibility for your journey or holiday, including any return flight, thereupon ceases."

"Full cancellation charges will then apply and no refund will be given."

Woman tells of crossbows

The blonde mistress of a man accused of murdering a gardener and shooting an elderly widow during a raid on her isolated manor house begged him not to go out on the night of the robbery.

Tina Clark, aged 23, who lived with Terence Clark, aged 45, a communications consultant, became concerned when she saw two crossbows on a coffee table at the home she and Mr Clark shared.

"I asked what they were for. Terry said it was better I didn't know. I begged him not to go out but he didn't listen to me."

"We had a row in the kitchen", she said in a statement read to a jury at Lewes Crown Court, East Sussex, yesterday.

Her evidence for the prosecution was read at the trial of Mr Clark, his son, Martin, aged 20, and his daughter, Douglas, aged 21. They all deny murdering William Austin, aged 54, and wounding Mrs Ellen Ditcher, aged 76, in a raid on her home, Otham Manor, near Maidstone, Kent, in July last year.

The prosecution has alleged that the three, wearing black balaclavas and armed with two crossbows and a .22 rifle, battered their way into the wealthy widow's home, shot her three times, murdered her gardener, who lived upstairs, and killed her great dane dog. Doctors decided it was too dangerous to remove two of the bullets from Mrs Ditcher. One smashed her jawbone and narrowly missed the main artery to her brain. The other is lodged close to her heart, Mr Geoffrey Hadwen, a surgeon, said. The trial continues.

'Arts policy sours image of Britain'

By Gavin Bell, Arts Correspondent

Sir Peter Hall, director of the National Theatre, has joined the growing criticism of the Government's arts funding policy by suggesting that it is tarnishing Britain's image abroad.

Announcing forthcoming visits by four leading foreign companies, Sir Peter said about two-thirds of the production costs were being met by their own countries. The remainder would come from ticket sales and private sponsorship.

"I have to say sourly that when we go abroad, we do not reciprocate. When we travel, it is our hosts who pay. One can only admit this is a sad reflection of our standing in the world," Sir Peter said.

He felt that it was ironic that the support from host countries meant it was easier for the National Theatre companies to perform abroad than to tour the United Kingdom. He expressed a similar view to that of Sir Claus Moser, chairman of the Royal Opera

House, who said on Tuesday that the arts budget for next year raised the prospect of Britain becoming a nation of philistines.

Sir Peter indicated that he may leave Britain when his contract with the National Theatre expires at the end of 1988, saying he was considering several interesting offers. He declined to be specific, but observed there were "some very attractive jobs in Europe".

Highlights of the international series planned for next year, as part of the National Theatre's tenth birthday celebrations, will include Swedish and Japanese performances of Shakespearean tragedies.

Ingmar Bergman will direct the Royal Dramatic Theatre of Stockholm in his first production of *Hamlet*, while the Toho company from Tokyo will transplant *Macbeth* from medieval Scotland to sixteenth century Japan.

Secretary tied up and strangled with blouse

A secretary put up a struggle before being sexually assaulted, strangled and then thrown into a river an inquest was told yesterday.

Part of her blouse was used to strangle her and was also used to gag her and for binding her wrists, it was said at the inquest at Poplar, east London.

The woman, Alison Day, of Norfolk Road, Upminster, was found dead on January 15

Det Supt Charles Farquhar said the body had been recovered from the river behind the printing works where her fiancé Paul Tidiman, aged 22, of Romford, Essex, worked as a machine minder.

Mr Tidiman said he had arranged to meet Miss Day at the printing works as he was working late. They had been engaged for two years.

A verdict of unlawful killing was recorded.

Progress in cataract studies

By Ken Gosling

Progress in the investigation of the causes of cataract, one of the most common causes of blindness, was announced in London yesterday during a conference on the problems of old age.

Research at Salford University, funded by the Foundation for Age Research, has disclosed a new mechanism for triggering cataract and this is up with findings, reported in *The Times* last July, that it appears to be linked with several preventable causes.

This was the result of an Edinburgh University study that found what appeared to be a link with causes such as smoking and heavy drinking.

Dr L.R. Croft, lecturer in biochemistry at Salford, said the mechanism had been

discovered by looking at the effects of heat on eye lenses, a factor that explained why one of the most common forms of the condition was glass-blower's cataract and also why it was common in tropical countries.

A common product in the diet using heated sugar was also shown to lead to a reduction in protein, producing a mechanism that held for several different forms of cataract.

Drug-induced cataract had also been examined and in the case of one particular antibiotic it was found that when tested on 'dog' eyes they developed cataracts.

During yesterday's conference, organized by the foundation and the Health Education Council, the im-

portance of good diet in old age was emphasized.

Dr David Player, the council's director general, said exercise and diet both improved mobility. Learning how to relax and deal with stress and stopping smoking were other factors.

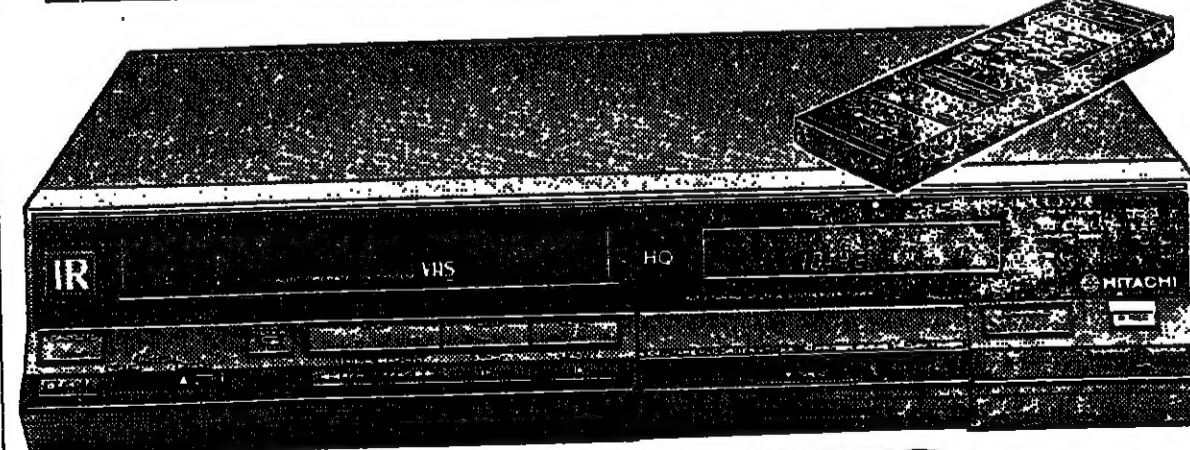
£500 to trace bird's attacker

A £500 reward was offered yesterday by Norfolk Swan Rescue Service for information to trace whoever shot a young swan through the head with a 12in crossbow bolt.

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Anxiety about life in North

Mr Geoffrey Rippon (Hexham, C), who moved the Loyal Address, said that there was now, in this Queen's Speech, a proper balance of monetary and fiscal and economic policy.

"Despite all our hopes for less legislation it looks as though we could be kept busy for many months", he continued amid laughter. "Just how many months all but one of us will have to guess."

A good case could be made for the fact that the quality of life in the North was in many ways better than that in the South, but there were many anxieties that arose in the North at present from two main sources.

One was the feeling of remoteness from Whitehall, intensified by the centralization process of recent years, which had tended to erode local responsibility. The other was the deep-seated, long-term unemployment and he welcomed the measures that the Government had taken and proposed to take to deal with this problem.

He applauded the steadily increasing capital investment programme in infrastructure, housing, roads and the general environment, helped as that was by the higher revenues generated by lower rates of taxation. All North and South alike benefited from the lowest level of inflation for two decades.

Mr Steven Norris (Oxford East, C), seconding, said that there must be few Conservative MPs without personal experience in recent years of a capricious effect of grant settlements on their own authorities.

They would recognize that both logic and equity dictated that it should be the spending or saving policies of councils that should be the primary mechanism by which rates should go up or down.

He doubted if any measure would commend itself more wholeheartedly to MPs than the notice in the Queen's Speech of the intention to repeal the Remuneration of Teachers Act. What must be transparently obvious to any objective observer was that the present Burnham Committee arrangements were profoundly unsatisfactory.

Three moves to ease the pressure of work in the House of Lords were announced by Viscount Whitelaw, Leader of the House, after the Queen's Speech had been repeated in the Lords.

Recalling the wish he had expressed on previous occasions to achieve a more even distribution of Bills between the Houses, he told peers that between now and the Christmas recess he expected no fewer than six major Bills to have been introduced and given a second reading in the Lords.

Two of them, the Family Law Bill and the Marine Pollution Bill, would be introduced tomorrow.

To relieve the pressure, suggestions had been made to him that one or more Bills should be referred to a standing committee. He had decided that one Bill should be taken through the procedure this session. He would continue consultations soon to decide on a suitable Bill.

Representations had been made to him that the conventions on the way business was conducted should be reviewed and he had decided to appoint a small informal group to advise him on the working of the House.

"The Government are taking a number of steps to seek a better running of our work", he said. "There have been times when some of us have felt that the House was not always exercising that restraint and self-discipline which is so essential for our House to be able to function at all."

Earlier, he said that the Government's initial distribution of Bills between the two Houses had been to some extent affected by the loss of the Shops Bill. Some Bills, but by no means all, had called for much revision. Others had given rise to much debate even though amendments might have been slight.

Painful though it may sometimes have been, there can be no doubt that some of the session's major legislation, such as the Building Societies Bill, the Financial Services Bill and the Public Order Bill benefited considerably from the attention of this House.

He liked to think the Government had been responsive to the views expressed in the Lords and had sought to accommodate them where practicable.

Timetable for Speech debate

The debate on the Queen's Speech in the House of Commons continues tomorrow when the main subjects will be education and family poverty; on Friday when the subject will be foreign affairs and next week as follows: Monday, local government and Scotland; Tuesday, industry and employment; Wednesday, the economy.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Continuation of debate on the Queen's Speech. Lords (3): Continuation of debate on the Queen's Speech.



The Government and Opposition front benches awaiting the summons to the Lords yesterday. Left (from bottom) are: Mrs Thatcher, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Mr Lawson, Mr Peter Walker, Mr Kenneth Baker, Mr Nicholas Edwards and Mr Hurd, partly obscured Mr Norman Tebbit. Right (from bottom): Mr Peter Shore, Mr Kaufman (leaning forward), Mr Kinnock, Mr Roy Hattersley, Mr Stanley Orme, and Mr Cunningham.

Kinnock attacks poverty scandal

Every independent measure of public opinion was against the injustice of poverty, Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, said when he opened the debate on the Queen's Speech in the House of Commons.

A country with so many sorely and helplessly poor was a country lacking basic justice, a country not at peace with itself, he said. When the Prime Minister had the courage to call an election, she would be soundly beaten.

Mr Kinnock opened by saying: "Lawson's Budget forecast was ridiculously wrong."

that the Opposition would give all support to action to combat international terrorism and drug trafficking, and hoped that the vigorous effort spoken of would include the restoration of the 900 customs officers the Government had taken away.

They would endorse measures to improve the safety of sports grounds, conservation and the implementation of the Anglo-Irish agreement.

They greeted some measures with great hostility, however, among them the proposal to abolish domestic rates in Scotland and replace them with a poll tax.

They would resist the attempt to repeal the Remuneration of Teachers Act, 1965. That would not have the effect of beneficial reform but would inflict maximum damage.

"To prevent that, I ask the Secretary of State for Education (Mr Kenneth Baker) to withdraw his threat to dictate a settlement, to end his attempt to set teacher against teacher."

Mr Baker was strongly protesting that he had at heart the welfare of the 95 per cent of children who attended maintained schools. He could maintain that clearly by changing course and changing his mind on the repeal of the 1965 Act.

Proposals like that, and much else in the Queen's Speech, bore little relevance to the real needs of the nation. That was obvious from references to economic policy, as in the autumn statement made by the Chancellor last week.

If the Chancellor could hit his target for economic growth of no less than 3 per cent, and hardly anybody else had offered the prospect of 3 per cent growth next year.

If there was no rise in unemployment, despite the fact that absolutely nothing had been done in the autumn statement or the Royal Address to stop the year-on-year loss in jobs.

If all that happened, there would still be a monster manufacturing trade deficit, which

contributed to the balance of payments deficit. That would be all right if only the currency movers ignored that deficit and kept the pound nice and steady. It simply did not come together.

For the sake of the jobs, businesses and homes which depended upon the correctness of the assumptions, one wished the Chancellor was right. But he had got his forecast at the time of the Budget in March ridiculously wrong.

The most worrying and revealing detail of that autumn statement was the Chancellor's confession that his March forecast of a £3 billion manufacturing trade deficit was wrong.

That deficit for this year was actually going up by nearly twice that amount - £5.5 billion more bought from the rest of the world than sold. It would be the worst ever and would rise to a crushing £7.5 billion in the next year.

All of that had contributed to the position in which there were nearly four million in the country who wanted to work and who were without work.

At the Mansion House a month ago, the Chancellor had been berating industry and the financial markets from suffering from "short-termism".

It had been a point well made. It had been made very late but rightly made.

How could the Government expect the private sector to take the long-term view knowing that the Government was so very committed to the expediency of the short term in absolutely everything?

There must be a long-term industrial policy for the recovery of manufacturing industry with extra investment on the same basis and with the same institutional support as that of the main competitor economies.

"For unless we follow that long-term course for strengthening our industrial base, we shall

imposed means tests on those who had virtually nothing."

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Two million children face a jumble sale Christmas

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"That is why, whenever the Prime Minister gathers the courage to face this country she will be forced to account and soundly beaten", he concluded to prolonged Opposition cheers.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said that in his rambling speech Mr Kinnock had been critical of the United Kingdom manufacturing performance. In fact manufacturing output had risen 10 per cent overall since the 1983 election and it was going up and up.

Manufacturing investment had risen 5.5 per cent last year and manufacturing productivity had increased each year since 1979 at an average rate of 3.5 per cent a year; manufacturing export volume was at a record level; manufacturing profitability was at its highest level since 1978.

The Leader of the Opposition

to make further provision for the confinement of the proceeds of crime.

Measures will be proposed to promote further competition in order to secure greater efficiency in the provision of local authorities' services, and to improve the basis for the payment of rate-support grant in England and Wales.

Legislation will be introduced to provide further financial assistance to support the coal industry's progress to commercial viability and to enable fair representation of the workforce.

Measures will be proposed to bring up to date the arrangements regulating oil and gas installations and operations.

Measures will be brought forward further to reform family law in England and Wales.

had also referred to assets from North Sea oil investment. He did not seem to appreciate that overseas assets had gone up from £12,000 million in 1979 to £80,000 million now.

The Government would be introducing a wide range of measures, building upon successes already achieved: to encourage wider ownership, improve education of children and young people, to care for those who needed help, to conserve and improve the environment and to protect people from crime and the fear of crime.

In spite of a sharp fall in the price of oil, they were ensuring the new parliamentary year with good prospects for growth, exports and investment and low inflation and a more promising outlook for unemployment.

Next year's 3 per cent growth would be the sixth year of growth at close to that average level. Since 1981 Britain's economy had grown faster than that of France and Italy and a little faster than West Germany's.

The Opposition could not stand the ever-wider spread of ownership. Their objective was to expand the powers of the State and increase government control over people's lives.

They wanted to put penal taxes back on to the shoulders of those who led the way to growth and jobs and they wanted to put the newly privatized industries back into the hands of politicians.

For the past two years the teachers' unions had campaigned for higher pay, some, but not all, using the education of children's education as a weapon.

The Secretaries of State for Education and for Scotland had set out with the teachers' unions and management a package offering a clear definition of teachers' duties and responsibilities and substantially higher pay, with greater rewards for better teachers and head teachers.

The pay proposal was fair and reasonable, indeed generous. The duties and responsibilities were those which any conscientious teacher could reasonably be expected to fulfil. She hoped that employers and teachers would take this opportunity to discuss on a much firmer footing.

The centrepiece of the legislative programme in the Queen's Speech was the Criminal Justice Bill.

In the battle against crime the Government must provide the resources to give police and courts the powers they needed.

This Bill would build on the foundations of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act and strengthen the jury system by abolishing preemptory challenges, a facility open to misuse

and against the interests of justice.

By allowing children who had been victims or witnesses of sexual or violent attack to give evidence to the court by video television link it would make it more likely that the perpetrators of these heinous crimes were brought to justice.

She had been appalled by the terrible cases of child abuse. Crimes against children fell to depths of evil that placed them in a category of their own.

The significance of Reykjavik was that, after many years of talking about arms control, there was now a prospect of major arms reductions, provided that the Soviet Union did not make agreement on all arms control measures dependent on others accepting the restraints it wanted on SDI.

The next step was to negotiate specific and detailed agreements which took account of the West's vital concerns, with balance and effective verification.

Reminding Mr Henley that he had in 1981 said that if Labour adopted a policy of unilateral disarmament he would fight to change that policy before a general election and, if he failed, would not accept office in a Labour Government. Was that still his position or had he joined the unilateral bandwagon which had swept to control of the Labour Party with Mr Kinnock holding the reins?

The Government had a duty to keep Britain's defences strong; a duty to the Nato allies; a duty to keep faith with the Armed Forces.

Overseas assets have risen to £80 billion

Mr David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, opened: "If any one doubts that we were heading towards a general election, the Queen's Speech to which we have just listened should certainly dispel those doubts."

After visiting the North-west in the by-election campaign, his reaction to the Queen's Speech and to Mrs Thatcher's rhetoric was the sheer monumental irrelevance of both to the everyday problems which people were facing.

There was some valuable legislation and the Liberals would support the Criminal Justice Bill.

The general message from the Prime Minister and the Government's programme was that they intended to continue to ignore the impact they had had on the lengthening queue, on the increasing disparity between North and South, the crumbling infrastructure and the decaying housing stock.

The Queen's Speech had not addressed itself to those problems.

There has been some concern among government ministers at the possible adverse effect on public opinion of continual speculation about a so-called zero-zero option on ballistic missiles in talks between the United States and the Soviet Union and the view in Whitehall is that the Trident programme should proceed as planned.

In the speech, the Queen said that the Government would continue to attach the

REACTION TO

Domestic rates axed in Scotland

By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter

A trailblazing Bill to abolish domestic rates in Scotland and replace them with the highly-controversial poll tax figured prominently, and attracted particular scorn from the opposition.

Rates reform is now high on the political agenda, and ministers envisage similar legislation covering England and Wales being introduced in the first session of the next Parliament.

The Abolition of Domestic Rates etc (Scotland) Bill, to be published at the end of this month, will phase out domestic rates over three years from 1989-90, replacing them with a "community charge" or poll tax payable by all voters and an index-linked commercial rate.

It will also seek to simplify the rate support grant system for Scottish local authorities by replacing it with a two-pronged revenue support grant. This would consist of a standard grant based on the number of adult residents, and a needs grant supplementing authorities that have to spend more.

The Government believes such a system would considerably increase local authority accountability and iron out blatant injustices in the present complex system of rates.

It would give all electors a stake in their council's finances rather than just 50 per cent who pay rates now, protect businesses who at present pay a disproportionate amount even though they have no vote, and provide a direct and obvious link between what one pays and what one gets.

However, Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, greeted the announcement with "great hostility", saying the poll tax would hit "the very poorest in the community".

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, described it as "the worst of the 19 bills in the Queen's Speech and promised that it would be 'vigorously opposed'."

Mr Donald Stewart, MP, president of the SNP, said the Bill would be "foisted on the people of Scotland by the

Battle due over plans to scrap Burnham

By Nicholas Wood
Political Reporter

The Government's plans to repeal the 1965 Remuneration of Teachers Act and scrap the Burnham committee after 67 years could prove among the most contentious acts of the new parliamentary session.

While the Labour Party believes Burnham should be reformed to give it power to negotiate on pay, duties and conditions of service, it is deeply suspicious of the proposal by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, to replace it with an interim advisory committee.

It has promised to fight any move by Mr Baker to give himself direct control in these areas.

But the Opposition's greatest anger is likely to be directed at any attempt to use the new legislation repealing Burnham as a way to impose a settlement.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, said yesterday that the Government's moves would not lead to beneficial reform, but would inflict maximum damage.

Mr Giles Radice, Labour's education spokesman, believes it is legislatively impossible for the Government to impose new working contracts on teachers.

But sources close to the Department of Education and Science insist that a settlement can be imposed if the present talks break down. Mr Baker would simply have to introduce legislation requiring local education authorities to implement the kind of contracts he has outlined and pay the commensurate rates.

Heralding yesterday's announcement in the Queen's Speech, Mr Baker said last month that it was "widely accepted" that Burnham should be replaced.

According to figures released to *The Times*, during the past 12 years, Burnham has led to a negotiated settlement on only four occasions. Special inquiries such as Houghton in 1974 and Clegg in 1980 or arbitration have tended to dominate resolution of schools pay disputes.

New consumer laws on sale prices

The Consumer Protection Bill will introduce a general safety requirement making suppliers and importers responsible for ensuring that all the goods they sell are safe, and will make it an offence to give misleading price indications.

Both steps were enthusiastically welcomed by consumer organizations yesterday. Proposals for a general safety requirement to protect consumers from unsafe goods, even when there are no specific safety regulations, were published in a White Paper in 1984, and have been an aim of the Consumers' Association's campaign for many years.

The general outlawing of misleading price comparisons finally replaces the unenforceable and complicated regulations under previous legislation which allowed retailers to disclaim the accuracy of reductions they were purporting to offer, or to make comparisons with prices which were in fact never charged.

It has been an aim of Sir Gordon Borrie, Director-General of Fair Trading, for almost a decade.

On the Bill's third main theme the consumer lobby still finds, some grounds for

dissatisfaction. A new product liability law will make producers liable for damage caused by defects in their products. Consumers will have a new right to claim compensation if they are harmed by defective goods, without having to prove negligence.

That will bring British legislation into line with the European Community product liability directive, and comes after 10 years of debate within the Community.

But the Consumers' Association is dissatisfied because, under the Government's proposals, manufacturers will be able to escape liability on the grounds that the state of knowledge at the time of manufacture of a product did not enable the existence of a defect to be discovered.

Manufacturers say that this "development risk" defence is essential if new products are to be introduced, but Mrs Rosemary McRobert, deputy director of the Consumers' Association, said yesterday: "The cost of insuring against a defective product, which ultimately would be paid by all purchasers, is better than leaving individual victims to carry the burden of uncompensated suffering."

Defence will be a vital election issue

By Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent

Although there was only brief reference to defence, it remains set to be a central issue of any election campaign.

The Government is still firmly committed to maintaining Britain's independent nuclear forces and the replacement of the ageing Polaris missile system by Trident.

It is a message that Mrs Thatcher will be reinforcing to President Reagan as they review prospects for arms control post-Reykjavik at their weekend meeting at Camp David.

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highest importance to national security and to preserving peace with freedom and justice and to maintaining Britain's own defences as well as playing an active part in Nato.

The Ministry of Defence is pursuing an efficiency programme to ensure the best possible value for money returns on spending and claims to have made significant improvements.

Efforts have concentrated on four main areas: the management and organization of the Ministry of Defence, control of defence manpower in procurement and on the supply of goods, services and support to the Armed Forces.

During the speech, the Queen also said that the Government will work for new agreements on arms control and disarmament.

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH

Children will give evidence by video in trial changes

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Evidence by live video link, new action against fraud and powers for the Attorney General on lenient sentences are among measures intended for the Criminal Justice Bill, mentioned in the Queen's Speech at the State opening of Parliament.

The evidence by video recording would be either from abroad or in cases where the victim was a child and the offence was one of sexual or violent assault.

It would be made admissible in court in the same way as ordinary oral evidence.

Rules governing the admissibility of documentary evidence would be relaxed and would apply to criminal trials generally rather than simply to cases of fraud.

But the Government's aim is also to combat fraud and safeguard the probity of financial institutions. The proposed legislation would set up a serious fraud office to investigate and prosecute the most serious and complex cases.

Reforms would be provided to the rules of evidence and to fraud trial procedures.

The Bill would cover lenient sentences. It would empower the Attorney General to refer, for the opinion of the Court of Appeal, crown court sentences which appeared to raise policy questions of general significance.

This measure would reinforce the Court of Appeal's role in guiding lower courts' practice. But the sentence imposed on a particular offender would not be affected by the Court of Appeal's opinion.

As expected, the maximum penalties for carrying firearms in furtherance of crime and for corruption would be increased.

A number of minor offences would also be reclassified as triable only by magistrates.

The new Bill will extend the

power to order confiscation of the proceeds of offences.

Victims would benefit from an extension of the courts' powers to make compensation orders in certain cases. Courts would be required to give reasons for not making an order in all cases where there was an identifiable victim.

The Bill would provide a statutory right to compensation for criminal injury.

The right of the defence to challenge juries without cause would be abolished.

The upper age limit for jurors would be raised from 65 to 70. But those in that age group would be excused as of right if they wished. The measure would add about 2.25 million people to the pool of potential jurors.

Provisions relating to young offenders would include the more flexible use of detention centres.

The law on extradition would be amended enabling the United Kingdom to sign the European Convention on Extradition and facilitating the return of those wanted in the UK.

The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Bill seeks to further powers to combat the growing problem of drug trafficking. Another Scottish Bill, the Debtors (Scotland) Bill, seeks to provide a more humane system of debt enforcement.

It would remove the most resented aspects of warrant sales by stopping compulsory sales in debtors' homes, extending the range of goods exempt from sale and banning the identification of the debtor.

The Northern Ireland (Emergency Provisions) (Amendment) Bill would seek to help the authorities in dealing with terrorism while also enhancing the statutory rights of those suspected or accused of terrorist activity.

Drugs and terrorism fight to be intensified

By Stewart Tondler, Crime Reporter

A special customs intelligence computer, more vessels for off-shore patrols and extra investigators are to be introduced as part of the Government's continued fight against international drug trafficking and terrorism.

No fresh legislation is planned in either field, but the international effort to bring greater co-operation will continue.

By the end of the year the Home Office hopes that all the machinery for the operation of the Drug Trafficking Offences Act will be in place. The act will allow for the tracing and freezing of assets belonging to suspected traffickers.

At home the number of customs investigators will increase by 110 and another 350 officers will work at checkpoints at air and sea ports.

During the next three years £7 million is to be spent on an intelligence computer for customs records, which are generally regarded as one of the best sources of information on drug trafficking. Another £7 million will be spent on buying three new cutters to replace ageing vessels.



Sir Geraint Evans on stage as he opens the restored opera house at Newcastle upon Tyne

Opera rises from the ashes

Sir Geraint Evans yesterday opened the Tyne Theatre and Opera House nearly a year after a disastrous fire.

The building was badly damaged last Christmas Day by a fire, believed to have been caused by an electrical fault.

But the theatre, built in 1867 and supported by sturdy Victorian beams, survived and 100 volunteers began clearing the site the next day with the help of a £100,000 grant from the Sun Alliance insurance company.

After 11 months of repairs, costing £1.5 million, the 1,200-seat theatre has been restored in authentic Victorian style.

Sir Geraint knocked three times on the stage for luck and praised the 400 volunteers who made it possible.

What makes the theatre unique is the wooden Victorian machinery which, when repairs are completed in six months, will operate a total of 22 trap doors covering the entire area of the stage.

"There is nothing like it in the world," Roy Hudd said. He said that the machinery, protected from the fire by a layer of rubbish, will be capable of "popping" an entire opera chorus up through the stage.

Seats, carpets, curtains, and equipment in the auditorium and bars have been copied in a blue and grey colour scheme from charred originals. Details, such as the name of Shakespeare written on the dome of the hall and lost in later redecorations, have been restored.

Parents should be given more choice over education

By Trudi McIntosh

Most local education authorities rarely consult parents on their choice of education for their children, a national group campaigning for parental rights in education, said yesterday in London.

Mr Norris McWhirter, vice-chairman of the Parental Alliance For Choice in Education (PACE) said that because of this "the comprehensive school system has become a monolithic structure offering little choice of education for more than 80 per cent of parents".

With the closure of many grammar schools and increasing fees for private schools, most parents had no alternative but to opt for State-run schools.

PACE, whose council members include Baroness Cox, who is chairwoman, and Lord Harris of High Cross, is campaigning to have the two human rights relating to education contained in the European Convention on Human Rights, incorporated into British law as a Bill of Rights.

The European Convention on Human Rights states that the State should respect the right of all parents to have a choice of education and training according to their own religious and philosophical convictions.

Mr McWhirter said although Britain had been a signatory of the Convention since 1952, governments had since failed to offer most parents enough freedom of choice in education.

He said PACE will soon ask all local education authorities to carry out surveys into the choice of education parents want for their children, in every county and borough.

"Parental choice in education is a basic human right and one that should be at the top of every education authority's agenda," Mr McWhirter said.

● A landmark decision by the local government ombudsman has ruled that London Boroughs cannot justify refusing a school place to a child outside their catchment area simply on the grounds of pupil numbers.

Children from neighbouring boroughs can appeal for a school place, and that appeal must be heard on its own merits, the ombudsman ruled.

The ruling came in a case brought against the Conservative-controlled London Borough of Croydon by a mother who lives in neighbouring Sutton. She had wanted her daughter to attend the same Croydon school as her sister but the council's appeals committee had ruled against her.

Oil firms must clean up seabed

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The new legislation which the Department of Energy is to introduce is designed to make sure that the seabed of the North Sea is left as safe and clean as possible once oil and gas fields reach the end of their economic life.

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, has had long discussions with the UK Offshore Operators Association, representing the oil and gas industry, and the fishing industry.

The legislation will give him power to specify the extent to which any installation or pipeline must be removed.

It will also allow him to require companies to provide detailed costing for abandonment work and to demand evidence that companies involved will have the funds available to meet the cost.

The Government will be able to set safety standards, make detailed anti-pollution arrangements and order inspection checks to see that the work is carried out properly.

The changes also include updating arrangements for collecting and assessing the royalty payments from oil and gas fields. There is provision for the Government to repay royalties to companies who incur higher than expected costs on abandonment.

In addition all offshore installations will now have a 500-metre safety zone around them.

Pledge to rebel pit union met

By Tim Jones

The Government yesterday fulfilled a promise to the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers, whose members helped it to break the coal dispute because they would not go on strike without a ballot.

The Coal Industry Bill will give "all employee organizations within the industry the chance to achieve fair participation in the management of various trusts, welfare organizations and superannuation schemes".

Since the dispute ended, Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, has refused to negotiate with British Coal on fair representation for the UDM.

In spite of the proposed legislation to achieve fair participation, the Bill will go only some way towards addressing UDM grievances.

Leaders of the Nottinghamshire-based union are bitter that British Coal refuses to allow them to negotiate in areas where their members are in a minority.

In addition, the Bill aims to give Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, powers to continue grant aid to the coal industry.

British Coal aims to achieve full-year financial break-even in 1988-89, and to reach full liability in 1989-90. The provision of the Bill extends the power to pay deficit grant to cover the financial years 1987-88 and, as a contingency measure, 1988-89.

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Radio and TV moves put off

The passing mention of broadcasting appeared to confirm that the Government has decided to put off legislation until after an election (Our Media Correspondent writes).

The Government is still studying the Peacock report on broadcasting finance and will publish a Green Paper on the structure and future of radio.

But no mention was made of the comprehensive broadcasting reform Bills ministers hope to introduce to phase-out the television licence and introduce community radio stations.

The Home Office is known to favour Peacock's recommendation for a phase-out of the licence.

The Government and the Manpower Services Commission are pleased to announce the names of those organisations who have received a Fit For Work Award in 1986.

An Award is given to those who have done most for disabled workers in the relevant twelve months by implementing constructive employment policies.

Assessment is on an evaluation of the organisation's record and performance in accordance with the seven guidelines listed opposite. Employers with constructive employment policies and practices for disabled people are invited to enter next year's Fit For Work Scheme. Details can be obtained from the Manager, Central Awards Unit, Manpower Services Commission, Room W1030, Moorfoot, Sheffield, S1 4PQ. (Tel: Sheffield (0742) 704511) or from your local Jobcentre.



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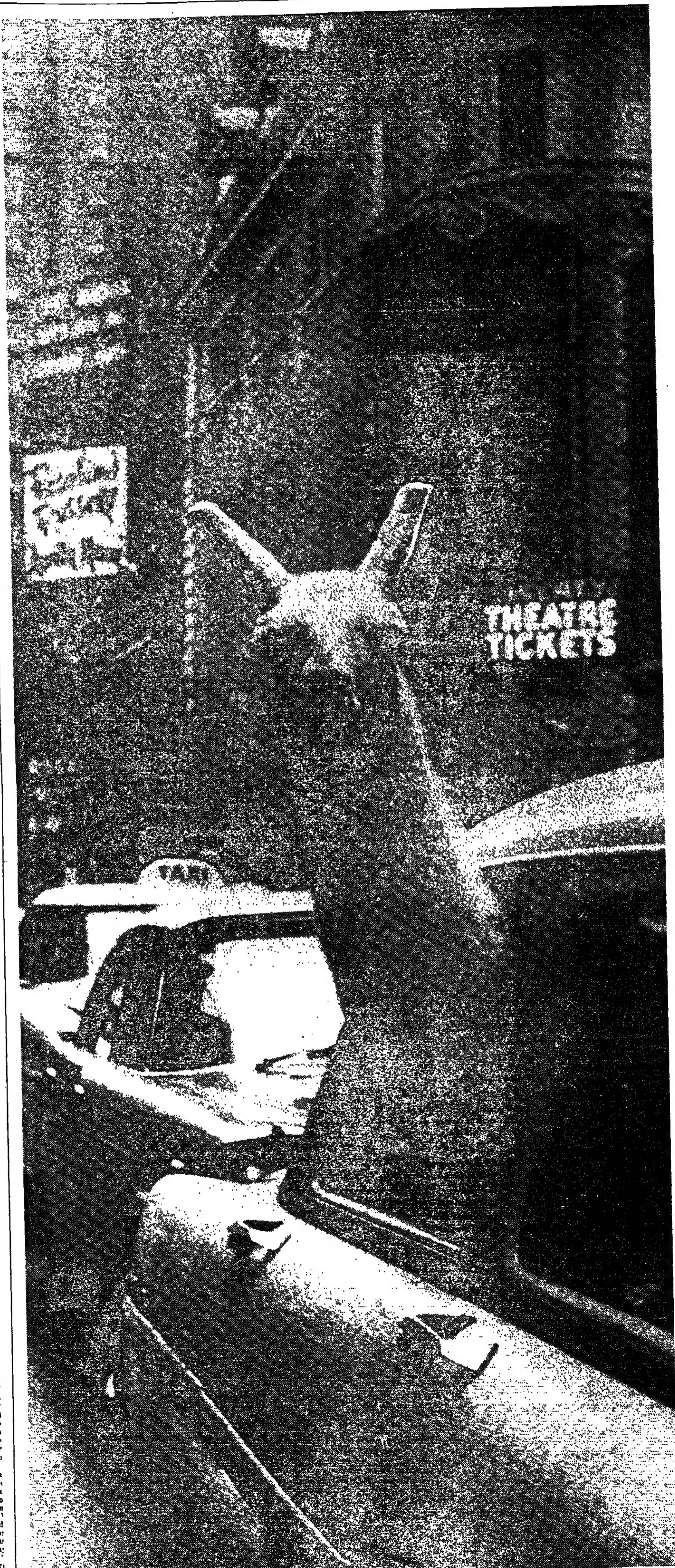
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Coach driver accused of causing motorway crash which killed 13

A coach driver was yesterday accused of causing one of Britain's worst motorway pile-ups in which 13 people died.

Preston Crown Court was told that John Bonnyman, aged 63, could not explain why his vehicle ploughed into a line of traffic at speed, and told police: "I could not get it to stop, that was all".

Four children were among those who died and another 42 were injured in the M6 disaster near Preston in October last year.

Photographs of the accident, one with the bus still in flames, were shown to the jury.

Mr Bonnyman, of Millar Place, Edinburgh, denies four specimen counts of causing death by reckless driving.

Mentioned in the charges are Mr Christopher Ryder, aged 39, of Church Street, Stockport; Mr John Pidduck, aged 61, of Cherry Tree Lane, Balerno, Midlothian; Mr



Mr John Bonnyman: Could give no explanation.

Colin Jobson, aged 29, of Rosehill Road, Wallend, Tyne-and-Wear; and Mr Wilfred Oxley, aged 29, of Tranwell Close, Pegwood, Morpeth.

Mr William Waldron, QC, for the prosecution, told how the coach, carrying 42 passengers from Edinburgh to London, was in the centre lane in a steady flow of traffic.

Roadworks were in progress ahead, and as a result the nearside and centre lanes were closed off.

There was a gradual build-up of vehicles although there was good visibility for more than half a mile.

He said: "As he approached this tailback in the centre lane he continued without any appreciable slackening of speed. As if completely unaware of the stationary or slow-moving vehicles ahead, he drove his coach with great violence, travelling at a speed of around 60 mph."

A Fiesta car in front was knocked out of its path and burst into flames. Two people inside survived the impact but were burnt to death when it caught fire.

The coach carried on striking other vehicles before veering upwards and coming down on top of two cars which were trapped beneath it.

More vehicles were hit before the single-deck coach came to rest pointing towards the hard shoulder. But three passengers died when it caught fire, trapping them inside.

Mr Waldron said: "It has to be said that this accident and the death and devastation it brought about was caused by the reckless driving of the defendant."

He said that about 15 vehicles were involved in the

crash and 11 of them were completely destroyed.

The jury was told that Mr Bonnyman would probably have died as well but for the heroism of a passing lorry driver, who pulled him unconscious from the blazing coach.

When questioned at the Royal Preston Hospital 10 days after the crash, Mr Bonnyman could throw very little light on the accident, and could not recollect noticing any congestion, vehicles slowing down, or hazard lights.

"I saw something wrong in my nearside mirror and about three cars alongside me on my nearside. I was braking then. It was all so confusing. I couldn't get it to stop, that's all," Mr Bonnyman, an experienced driver who was severely burnt, said.

Asked for an explanation, he told police: "I'm sorry I can't give you an explanation."

Mr Waldron told the court: "There is no reason why anyone who was looking and paying attention could not have seen what was happening ahead and could not have stopped, not once but several times over."

"But unlike any other road user going south on that road at the time, the defendant appeared to have been completely oblivious of the traffic ahead. It is as if he was unaware there was anything whatsoever on the road."

"It will be natural for the defendant's position to arouse sympathy. But he drove at full speed into the back of stationary or near-stationary traffic without being aware of it until he was on top of them," he added.

The trial is expected to last two weeks.

Survival dive in a dinner jacket



John Barry, former Marine, successful mountaineer, and leading member of last year's K2 expedition, swallow diving down a rope from an 11-storey building in Easton, London, to cut a tape and open an appropriately named Survival Shop (Photograph: Peter Triebner).

Sale room

Art market goes into top gear for autumn season

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Auction records were falling like ninepins across two continents yesterday, as the art market moved into top gear for the autumn high season.

Highlights included Pop Art wall paintings for a large room by James Rosenquist at \$2,090,000 (estimate \$600,000-\$800,000) or £1,441,379 at Sotheby's, New York; 1,870,000 Swiss francs (unpublished estimate 1m frs) or £763,265 for a jewel encrusted snuff-box made for Frederick the Great of Prussia at Christie's in Geneva; and £52,800 (estimate £15,000-£20,000) for a depiction of a comfortable Edwardian interior, "Breakfast Time" by Harold Speed.

The Harold Speed picture had been sold from the estate of the artist's daughter at Fox and Sons of Worthing in July for £7,560, thus making a comfortable profit for the astute dealer who bought it.

Contemporary paintings from the estate of Robert C. Scull was the big event in New York, totalling £5,464,914, with only two lots unsold.

Scull ran a New York taxi firm called "Scull's Angels" and began collecting contemporary art in the late 1950s. He honed in successively on Abstract Expressionism, Pop Art and Minimalist Art, getting in ahead of the market.

The sale of 50 pictures from his collection at Sotheby's in 1973 put contemporary paintings on the auction map and for the first time auction prices ran ahead of dealers' and the auction market has not looked back.

The Tuesday night sale broke nine records for individual artists, including a Jasper Johns drawing at \$880,000 (estimate \$350,000-\$450,000) or £606,897.

The new Andy Warhol record looked positively cheap by comparison - a mere \$385,000 (estimate \$175,000-\$225,000) or £265,517 for a canvas covered with 200 one dollar bills.

In London, Sotheby's got the biggest total yet for a sale of modern British paintings at £1,868,945, with 16 per cent unsold.

Munnings was the most expensive artist on offer, but the new auction records included Stanhope Forbes at £67,100 (estimate £20,000-£30,000), Sir John Lavery at £39,400 (estimate £20,000-£40,000), Harold Harvey at £50,600 (estimate £25,000-£35,000) and Jack Butler Yeats at £35,200 (estimate £20,000-£25,000).

As if that was not enough, Sotheby's managed to secure a new auction price record for a historic woodwind instrument when a bass recorder by Peter Bressan of London, dating from the early eighteenth century, sold for £31,900 (estimate £15,000-£20,000).

In Geneva Christie's sold a south German astronomical table clock of about 1570 for 528,000 Swiss francs (£217,731).

The round clock has a gilt-bronze case embellished in high relief with a frieze of Orpheus charming the animals with his music. Only nine are known.

Sotheby's Geneva silver sale made £640,018 with 18 per cent unsold.

Patient 'objected to drug'

A terminal cancer patient who died two days after allegedly being given a massive overdose of drugs objected to the doctor about the size of the dose, Leeds Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mr Ronald Mawson was often told by Dr John Carr, accused of attempting to murder him, to come to terms with his disease, it was alleged.

And Mr Mawson's wife, Marjorie, in the witness box, said Dr Carr would often "pat him and say are you going to accept it?"

Mrs Mawson said Dr Carr told her it would be a blessing if her husband died peacefully in his sleep.

Mr Mawson began to dislike the doctor because "he was not cheering him up and was asking him to concentrate too much on the disease," she said.

Mr Bernard Hargrove, QC, for the defence, said Dr Carr had no bedside manner, as some people would describe it. "He is a man with a very blunt manner," he said.

Dr Carr, aged 59, of Branch Road, Lower Wortley, Leeds, denies the attempted murder of Mr Mawson, a retired engineer from Fawcett Road, Leeds.

Mrs Mawson said that Dr Carr arrived uninvited about 11.15pm the day after her husband returned from a Leeds hospice and injected him in the top of his leg with Phenobarbitone.

Mr Mawson was heard to say: "I think you've given me a blooming big double dose there, haven't you?"

Mr Mawson, who was diagnosed as having inoperable lung cancer in January 1985, died two days after the injection in August 1985, at Wheatfields Hospice, Leeds.

When cross-examined by Mr Hargrove, Mrs Mawson said her husband was forgetful, confused and agitated when he returned home. The case continues.

Jazz man wins libel damages

Kenny Ball, the jazz musician, won "substantial" libel damages in the High Court yesterday over allegations concerning a financial dispute with his former wife, Betty.

Mr Ball, aged 56, was reported to have merited the hatred of his family by his response to his former wife's claims and had misled the court about the state of his finances, his counsel, Mr Geoffrey Shaw, said.

The couple, who married in 1952, were divorced in October 1980. After a private court hearing into financial matters in March 1984, *The Sun* newspaper published an "exclusive" article about the proceedings.

Mr Shaw said there was no truth in the allegations which were made to a reporter outside court.

Mr Ball sued for libel to vindicate his reputation.

Mr Andrew Monson, for News Group Newspapers, publishers of *The Sun*, said they unreservedly apologized and accepted that his conduct in defending his wife's financial claims was not open to criticism.

Death fall

A woman survived for an hour yesterday after falling 200ft from the Clifton suspension bridge over the Avon Gorge at Bristol.

She was still breathing when firemen recovered her from the muddy banks of the river Avon but she died shortly afterwards in Bristol Royal Infirmary.

New presenter

Caren Keating, daughter of the television and radio presenter, Gloria Hunniford, who is the former presenter of a television show for teenagers in Belfast, started a new job as co-presenter of the BBC's *Blue Peter* show yesterday.

Maxwell libel case

Ingrams says Eye is not malicious

Mr Richard Ingrams, former editor of *Private Eye*, denied in the High Court yesterday that the satirical magazine was "in the business of destroying reputations".

But he accepted that anyone who appears in *Private Eye* is likely to have "something discreditable" said about them.

He was giving evidence on the eighth day of the claim by the publisher, Mr Robert Maxwell, for libel damages over two articles in the magazine in July last year. The magazine alleged he acted as Mr Neil Kinnock's paymaster in an attempt to buy a peerage.

Mr Ingrams told Mr Justice Simon Brown and a jury that the magazine would "have a go" if it thought somebody was saying one thing and doing another.

Although he accepted the magazine's policy could be "publish and be damned", it

was never intentionally malicious - people just had "their leg pulled".

He denied it was the policy to risk using stories other papers would not touch, hoping people would not sue.

Mr Ingrams estimated 20 per cent of *Private Eye*'s income was spent on defending libel actions. But that did not prove they set out to publish libels. He said any magazine that did would quickly "shut up shop".

He added that the reason circulation of the *Daily Mirror* dropped by 600,000 when Mr Maxwell took over was because it was filled with "manicist humbug and rubbish".

Mr Ingrams and the magazine's publishers, Pressdram Ltd, deny libel and counter claim libel damages over an article in the *Daily Mirror* which described them as "The Public Lie".

The hearing continues.

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Doubts on cost mar French joy over release of hostages

From Diana Geddes, Paris

While France greeted the return of two more of its hostages with delight yesterday, many people were demanding to know what price the Government had paid for their release.

Few believe that some sort of a deal has not been struck, and that more deals will be required to get the remaining five hostages out of Beirut.

M. Jean-Bernard Raimond, the Foreign Minister, has already announced that France has finally reached a settlement with Iran over the highly contentious problem of the repayment of the \$1 billion (£700 million) loan made by the Shah to the French Atomic Energy Commission in 1974.

M. Raimond said that he and his Iranian counterpart were ready to sign an agreement for the first instalment of that payment "within the next few days".

He declined to comment on whether the settlement was linked to the liberation of more French hostages, insisting that the "normalization" of relations with Iran would have taken place even if there were no hostages.

While the two French hostages released on Tuesday had been held by the Organization of Revolutionary Justice, a Lebanese Shia group with close links with Syria, at least three of the remaining five hostages are being held by the Islamic Jihad, a pro-Iranian Muslim group. Iran's support, as well as that of Syria, is therefore considered vital.

In this context, observers were interested to note that M. Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, thanked not only Syria and Algeria for their help in obtaining the release of the two French hostages, but also Saudi Arabia which had not previously been known to be involved. Saudi Arabia has

recently undertaken a rapprochement with Iran.

On Monday, just before France approved the package of anti-Syrian measures proposed by Britain to its EEC partners, the official Iranian radio put out a broadcast praising the "intelligent policy" pursued in the Middle East by M. Chirac who, it said, had "improved relations with Tehran and Damascus".

The radio criticized "the attitude of the French Socialists and of President Mitterrand, who are trying to neutralize the efforts of M. Chirac and those of the United States and Great Britain." Both Britain and the US have been selling arms to Iran.

Syria has also been praising M. Chirac's attitude toward the Middle East. "Not for a long time have relations with France been so good," Mr Amil Choucri, the Syrian Chargé d'Affaires in Paris said.

One of the hostages, M. Marcel Coudari, aged 54, raised hopes of the liberation of more French hostages when he announced on his return to France: "Certain things are going to happen soon".

Seventeen hostages are still being held in Beirut, including two Britons, seven Americans, five Frenchmen, one Irishman, an Italian, and a South Korean.

Asked in Parliament yesterday about the liberation of the two hostages, M. Chirac said that their release had been obtained "without giving away anything which would be contrary to our honour and to our ideals... We have not allowed any arms sales with Iran, nor carried out any of the undertakings made by the Socialist Government concerning arms sales to Syria."

Poindexter faces calls for his resignation

From Michael Binyon, Washington

As the controversy over secret US arms sales to Iran grows, increasing public blame is being laid on Admiral John Poindexter, the National Security Adviser, with newspapers and commentators calling for his resignation.

The White House yesterday was obliged to emphasize that President Reagan still had full confidence in the man who masterminded and directed the contacts with Iran.

But in the face of congressional calls for Mr Poindexter to testify on the affair, senior White House officials are angry and embarrassed and have suggested that Mr Reagan will invoke executive privilege to prevent any disclosures by one of the most shadowy figures in his Administration.

This, however, has failed to stem the criticism of the council and the way it has been run by Mr Poindexter since he took over from Mr Robert McFarlane 11 months ago.

Congressmen and the press say the council has abused its power and engaged in an increasing number of high-risk hare-brained operations,

ranging from secret involvement with US mercenaries fighting against Nicaragua to the "disinformation" campaign against Libya and the Iran operation.

The finger of blame has been pointed squarely at Mr Poindexter, who admitted this week that he had "miscalculated" on whom to trust in Iran.

As one columnist in *The Washington Post* put it yesterday: "Reagan's legendary luck ran out. Where were his advisers in the White House, whose job it is to tell him that he can't live on luck alone? Whose job it is to watch the radar? Miscalculation is not a hanging offence, but it is a resigning one."

Even Mr Robert McFarlane, who has steadily refused to give the details of his visits to Iran, has reportedly called on Mr Poindexter to speak out and give the full facts.

That, however, would be out of keeping with Mr Poindexter's mode of operation. Since joining the council in 1981 he has resolutely avoided publicity and press contacts making a name for himself as an "insider's insider".

The Royal visit to Oman

Meeting the 'coeds' who never mix

From Alan Hamilton, Muscat, Oman

The Prince and Princess of Wales yesterday visited the Sultan of Oman's dream in the desert, a dream which almost became a nightmare two years ago when the name of Mr Mark Thatcher was dragged through the sweet air of one of Britain's biggest overseas construction projects like an old kipper.

Qaboos University is a megalopolis of blindingly bright cream concrete that springs from the sand in the middle of nowhere, a cross between Milton Keynes with sunshine and the film set for a space odyssey. Despite brief allegations that the Prince Minister had used her son as a consultant to lobby unfairly for the contract, it was built to time and on budget by the British construction company Cementation, and received its first 548 students in September of this year.

With a final estimated cost of £360 million, the university is one of the largest building projects in the Middle East, and certainly the largest ever undertaken in Oman, a bold effort by the Sultan to prevent the cream of his youth going abroad.

Built on the desert equivalent of a green-field site, undergraduate life however bears little relation to that at Bath, or Sussex, or Stirling, as the Prince and Princess learned.

In an Islamic nation, albeit a moderate one, it was regarded as a bold step to allow both sexes on the same campus, and

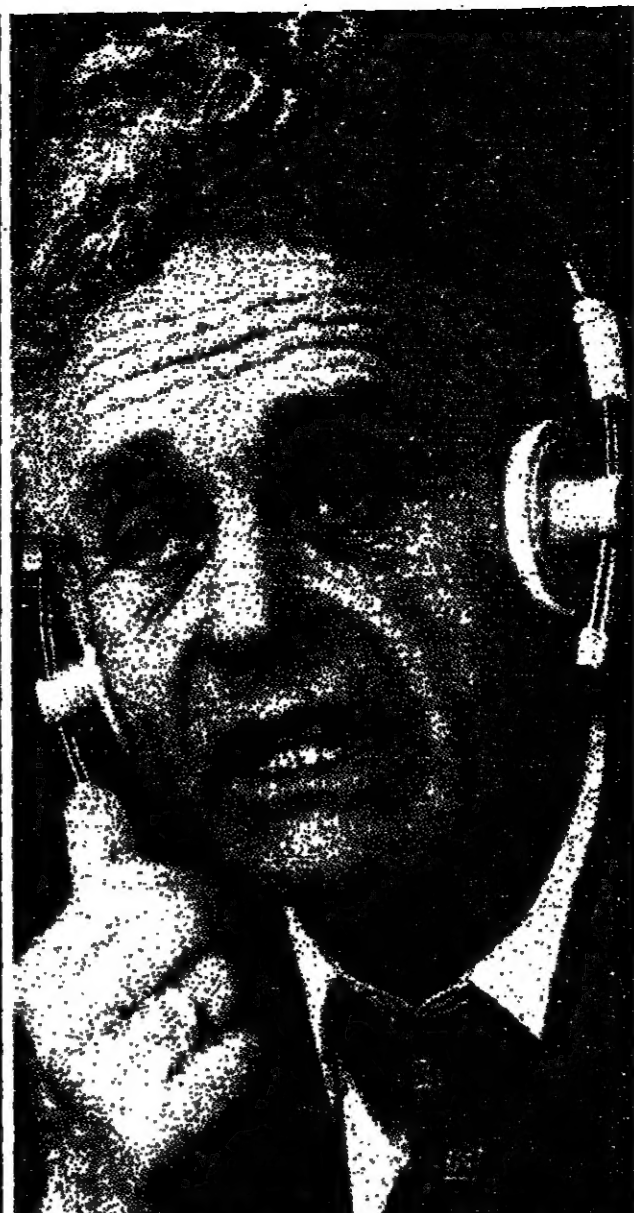
the academic staff speak of some initial reservation among Oman's countryfolk about sending their daughters there. One third of the undergraduate population is female, but the countryfolk may rest easy.

Men and women eat and sleep in separate residences on opposite sides of the campus, and in class the most sit at the front while the women sit at the back. Even walking between classes they are segregated. The boys keep to the ground floor and the girls to the upper storey, and the staircases are so designed that they cannot see eyes on each other.

Asked what would happen if fraternization were discovered or suspected, Professor George Gamelin, formerly of Oxford University and now Dean of Science at Qaboos, replied cautiously: "We would have to speak to their parents." Afrag al-Adawi, a 19-year-old female science student, was more forthright: "We don't do that; it's against our religion. If a man wants us, he goes straight to our parents and asks for us. We can always refuse."

Which raises the question of what the students do at weekends. At least part of the answer, according to Professor Gamelin, is "wadi-bashing", which involves pushing a four-wheel drive vehicle over the rough ground of dried-up water courses.

The university is largely



Dr Yuri Orlov, the freed Soviet dissident, speaking to the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

Orlov appeals for European support

From Richard Owen, Strasbourg

It is a long way from the labour camps of the Urals and exile in Siberia to the fleshpots of Strasbourg, but Dr Yuri Orlov, the Soviet dissident physicist, yesterday managed the transition with aplomb only just over a month after his unexpected release.

A frail, diminutive figure of 62, his care-lined face topped with a shock of straw coloured hair, Dr Orlov launched an eloquent plea to Euro MPs to ensure that Europe puts as much pressure on Moscow as the United States over human rights abuses.

Earlier, as he tucked into such unfamiliar delicacies as *fillet de boeuf en croûte* and *mousse glacée Grand Marnier*.

Plumb nominated

Sir Henry Plumb, former leader of the National Farmers Union and now leader of the Conservatives in the European Parliament, was formally nominated yesterday as the Tory group's candidate for the presidency of the Parliament (Richard Owen writes from Strasbourg).

The present President, M. Pierre Pflimlin, is nearly 80 and is due to step down next month. The presidential contest takes place in January.

He recounted with matter of fact detachment the diet of dried fish, dry bread and sugar lumps wrapped in newspaper given to Soviet prisoners during the month-long transfer from one labour camp to another, or to exile in Siberia. Euro MPs paused in mid-mouthful.

He warned the West not to accept the Soviet proposal - advanced last week at the Vienna conference on European security, attended by Dr Orlov - for a human rights conference in Moscow unless

the Russians accepted strict, watertight conditions on who could take part.

Otherwise the conference would be a stage-managed event along the lines of the Moscow Olympic Games, with dissidents kept well away or deported outside Moscow and with the stress on the lack of social and economic rights in the West rather than the Gulag. It was "a typical Soviet diplomatic manoeuvre".

Dr Orlov was invited to the European Parliament by Conservative MEPs led by Lord Bethell, MEP for London North-West.

Accompanied by Mr Vladimir Bukovsky, who won his freedom 10 years ago, Dr Orlov said he was grateful to all European politicians and to fellow scientists who campaigned for his release, which came about on October 5 as part of the Soviet-American deal which ended the Danilov-Zakharov affair.

He said the struggle on behalf of other dissidents must not cease and must be conducted in a blaze of publicity as well as behind the scenes diplomacy. The West must insist on a direct link between human rights and security issues.

Dr Orlov, who was arrested in 1977 for founding the Moscow-Helsinki Monitoring Group, accused the left in Europe of failing to campaign for human rights in Russia.

Asked if Russia under Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, was moving toward democratization, Dr Orlov said there was greater freedom of the press but the lack of human rights was unchanged.

It was too early to assess Mr Gorbachev: he did not appear to have a personal interest in human rights, and was beholden to the KGB.

WORLD SUMMARY

Swiss take blame for toxic spill

Under pressure from angry European countries, Switzerland agreed yesterday to tighten environmental regulations regarding toxic chemicals and announced it would consider paying damages to those affected by the spillage of dangerous chemicals into the Rhine (Our Foreign Staff writes).

At a meeting in Zurich between Swiss leaders and environment ministers from West Germany, France, Luxembourg and The Netherlands, President Alphonse Egli said his country was committed to introduce safeguards to prevent another chemical disaster.

Although the Swiss have accepted responsibility and recognised that compensation is due, it was still not clear who would have to meet the growing costs of the damage, which is still harming long stretches of the Rhine, 12 days after 30 tonnes of toxic chemicals poured into the river from a Sandoz plant near Basel.

Holland alone has already estimated the cost of the damage would amount to "millions of dollars".

Arafat on air

Beirut - Mr Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization and the main force behind the Palestinian guerrilla revival in Lebanon, made his first, strategic appearance on Lebanese television in more than four years yesterday.

He made a scathing attack on the Syrian Government, its allies, the Shia Amal militia, and Israel.

Sex ads barred

Delhi (Reuters) - The upper house of the Indian Parliament yesterday approved a Bill barring the use of women as "sex symbols" in advertisements, television commercials and publications.

The measure bars the "indecent or derogatory" commercial representation of women, and bans publication and sale of offending material.

Teaching in Basque

Madrid - Spain's constitutional court has upheld the Basque Government's provision for giving local children an education in Euskera, the Basque language, and approved giving money and official status to it (Richard Wigg writes).

In a judgement significantly upholding the autonomous region's responsibilities for education, now transferred from the central Government to the regions as part of devolution, the court rejected the Madrid Education Ministry's claim that the Basque law governing the *ikastolas* (Basque language schools) was unconstitutional.

Kohl: No £271,000 apology stamp

Bonn (Reuters) - Chancellor Kohl of West Germany will not apologise to Mr Gorbachev for remarks in which he appeared to compare him to Goebbels. Herr Kohl's foreign policy adviser said the Chancellor had already distanced himself from the remarks, published in *Newsweek* last month.

Los Angeles - An anonymous American industrialist has paid \$380,000 (£271,000) for an 1867 American one cent postage stamp - the second highest price ever paid for a single stamp (Ivor Davis writes).

It belonged to Mr Jerry Bess, who owns ice-hockey and basketball teams.

Mouse menace over

Billings, Montana (AP) - A man driving on an interstate highway was attacked by a mouse that apparently had been sleeping in the heater vent of his car and got too hot. As a result, Walter Miller's car ended up in a ditch near Billings on Monday night, and the mouse ended up dead.

Patrolman Dallas Adkins said Mr Miller, aged 59, was driving home when the mouse sprang from the dashboard, landed on his shirt and scurried up inside his coat. That caused Miller to let go of the wheel and grab for the mouse. Adkins said, and he lost control of the car and skidded off the road into the ditch.

Miller was unhurt, but the patrolman estimated there was \$500 (£344) damage to the car and four highway reflector posts.



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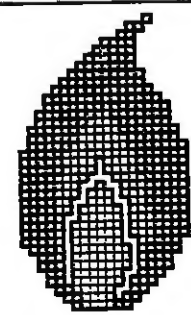
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The Falklands dispute

Alfonsín to seek US backing on fish zone

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

President Alfonsín of Argentina is to hold talks with President Reagan at the White House next week, during which he will seek a public declaration of support for Argentina in its dispute with Britain over fishery rights around the Falkland Islands.

But a senior administration official told *The Times* that the US is determined not to offend either of the allies and would keep out of the dispute as far as possible.

"You are certainly not going to see anybody shuffling between Buenos Aires and London," he said. "We do not want to get in the middle of this one."

Privately, however, some officials said the Administra-

tion was upset that Britain's action had forced it into such a difficult diplomatic corner. An Argentine government official said yesterday that President Alfonsín, who will probably meet Mr Reagan on Monday, would seek to persuade the United States "to return to the fold" by publicly supporting Argentina.

There is clear delight among Argentine diplomats that the US has steadily moved away from its strong support of Britain after the Argentine invasion of the Falklands in 1982. The US policy of neutrality is widely interpreted in Latin America as a move towards the Argentine position and as an attempt to mend fences with the southern hemisphere.

President Alfonsín, who will be in the US for four days, has held private talks with Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, at the meeting of the Organization of American States (OAS) in Guatemala City this week. Argentine officials said they were delighted at their outcome, details of which are not known.

Argentine diplomats are delighted that Mr Shultz voted with the other 30 OAS foreign ministers on Tuesday for a resolution criticizing Britain for its declaration of a fisheries conservation area around the Falklands. It fell short of an outright condemnation of Britain but said that the action had injected new tension into the volatile Falklands situation.

OAS tackles peace deadlock

From Martha Honey, Guatemala City

The Organization of American States (OAS) yesterday debated a draft resolution on the Central American conflict in an effort to break the deadlock on the Contadora Group's peace proposals.

Having successfully passed a consensus resolution on the Falkland Islands crisis late on Tuesday, the 31-member states are now tackling the complex and divisive problem of escalating war in Nicaragua.

After two days of private meetings, the foreign ministers of the Contadora coun-

tries of Mexico, Panama, Venezuela and Colombia, and the Support Group countries of Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Peru submitted a draft resolution tacitly condemning US policy in Central America. It read: "The worsening of the Central American crisis could unleash sharp tensions and conflicts across the continent."

Many Latin-American diplomats here express fear of a full-scale war in Nicaragua, believing that it could lead to direct US military involve-

ment and open conflict between Nicaragua and its pro-US neighbours. Observers have noted the presence of a number of high-ranking military officers from the US and Central American countries at this year's OAS meeting.

The draft resolution states that "it is imperative to avoid war in Central America" and urges all countries "directly or indirectly involved in the conflict" to work towards a negotiated settlement under the auspices of the Contadora Group.

Brasilia attempts to halt economic melt-down

From Mac Margolis, Rio de Janeiro

Growing distortions in the Brazilian economy, such as creeping inflation, a binge in consumer buying, and a flourishing black market, have threatened to undo the country's nine-month-old economic reform and forced the hand of President Sarney.

On the eve of important nationwide elections for Parliament and state governors, officials in Brasilia have prepared a battery of adjustments, to be implemented soon after Saturday's vote.

Now, for the second time in nine months, businessmen and

consumers are bracing themselves for yet another major economic package, or package. The mood here appears to be a mixture of worried anticipation and relief.

The major reforms, yet to be officially announced, will reportedly include a hike in residential rates for public utilities (gas, electricity and telephone), and higher sales taxes for some consumer items.

The adjustments are being called "Phase Two" of the Cruzado Plan, the inflation-fighting plan named after a new currency which earlier this year replaced the inflation-battered cruzeiro.

In July, the Government imposed a series of surtaxes and "compulsory loans" on petrol and automobile purchases, but the measures did little to contain a frenzied consumer spending spree or to rein in government spending.

This time, to curb the burgeoning public deficit, the Government will probably phase out massive subsidies on wheat, which cost Brasilia \$1.5 billion (about £1 billion) a year.

Government economists are also studying a change in the formula for calculating inflation, which reached 2 per cent last month, the highest rate since the Cruzado Plan was

implemented. Fiscal measures are planned to persuade Brazilians to save instead of spend money.

The Cruzado Plan, which froze prices and ended automatic wage adjustments for inflation, has been hailed as a blow against a legacy of 200 plus per cent inflation and rampant monetary speculation. In the first months of the plan, inflation was negligible and Brazilians patrolled the supermarket aisles like voluntary price inspectors.

Recently, however, the plan has shown increasing strains, in part because of its very success. The economy is growing at the rate of 8 per cent this

year, and industry has expanded by 15 per cent.

Nearly a million jobs have been created this year and unions have managed to negotiate substantial salary increases.

All this has put more money in consumers' pockets and sent them on a record buying spree.

Shopkeepers have taken advantage of the demand and slapped on a black market surcharge of up to double the legal price.

The chief risk of these Phase Two adjustments is a resurgence of inflation, which could stir stiff opposition among labour unions.

Mafia lawyers accuse minister of perjury

From Peter Nichols, Rome

The ill-fated mass trial of alleged Mafia criminals yesterday took another turn when lawyers representing the family of murdered General Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa, the prefect of Palermo, requested that Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Foreign Minister, be charged with false testimony.

The request came after Signor Andreotti told the court, which had moved from Palermo to Rome to hear the evidence of three government members, that he had not

discussed the subject of the Mafia and politics with the general shortly before he became prefect.

His evidence was contrary to an entry in the general's diary in which he wrote that he had told Signor Andreotti that he would have no regard for the minister's Christian Democrat followers in Sicily in his fight against the Mafia.

The request for charging Signor Andreotti will now go to the Public Prosecutor's Office in Palermo.

Clown who focuses on death

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogotá

Armero's once resident clown, Luis Enrique Moreno, has changed his make-up and his act. Once known as "Sonrisal" ("Smiley") these days he calls himself "Lagrímilas" ("Little Tear Drops").

The face that used to light up with hilarity is now locked in despair. His greasypaint is a cadaverous grey with large pear-shaped tears pencilled in his cheeks. His act focuses on the black humour of death.

Señor Moreno, aged 30, is a survivor and symbol of the volcanic eruption in Colombia that, a year ago today, triggered flash-floods and mud avalanches which wiped the town of Armero off the map.

The exact death toll will never be known, but it may have reached 27,000, according to a new official report.

Señor Moreno, who used to perform at children's parties, has been touring encampments of fellow-survivors. His aim is to prove that "death did not triumph at Armero".

Despite the millions of dollars in national and international aid that poured in the great majority of survivors remain homeless, unemployed and desperate because of bureaucratic chaos.

Mubarak pledges on debts

From Robert Fisk, Cairo

In what amounted to a declaration of financial independence, President Mubarak yesterday promised to pay back Egypt's enormous debts to overseas creditors, but refused to countenance foreign "interference" in Egypt's economy, indicating that he would refuse to cut food subsidies or institute realistic exchange rates for the Egyptian pound.

The International Monetary Fund - which has demanded just such measures in return for a billion dollar credit - is, however, unlikely to have so much store by the speech; bankers know that Mr Mubarak is likely to work towards these goals.

Egypt, the President told the new session of the Egyptian Parliament in Cairo, would repay its debts on time but acknowledged that the country's annual population increase of one and a half million people was an obstacle to economic progress.

In his speech, which also marked the inauguration of his new Cabinet, Mr Mubarak also condemned the Israeli Prime Minister's plans to construct further Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Ukraine trains in fatal collision

Moscow (Reuters) - A number of passengers were killed when the Kiev-Donetsk and Krivoy Rog-Kiev trains ramed into each other at the small station of Koristovka near Kirovograd in the Ukraine early on November 6.

The public prosecutor has started an investigation into the cause of the crash, which involved human casualties, Tass said. No further details were immediately available.

Looking too far ahead

Belgrade (Reuters) - With inflation in Yugoslavia running at more than 90 per cent, the Belgrade daily *Politika* reports that a man in the Serbian town of Pirot has bought a coffin because he was afraid it would be too expensive by the time he needed it. A coffin costs 50,000 dinars (£32), about an average monthly Yugoslav pay check.

Sun's people

Peking (Reuters) - The governments of China and Taiwan both marked the 120th anniversary of Sun Yat-sen, the man who founded republican China, and both claimed, as always, to be his true successors.

Car killing

Caserta (AP) - Gunmen firing from a car killed four local underworld figures and wounded a fifth yesterday outside a building site.

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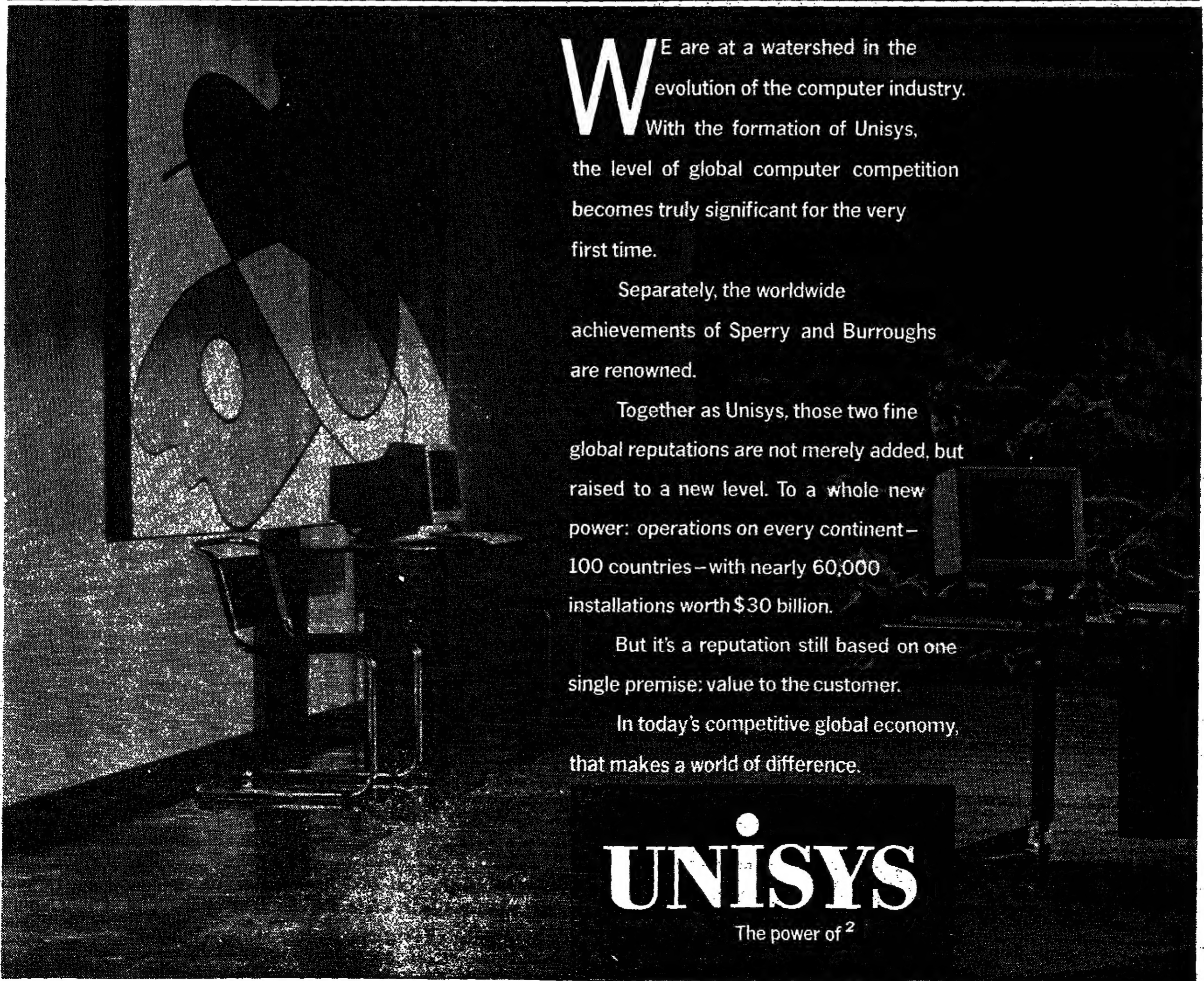
Tokyo (Reuters) - Two of Japan's super-fast long-distance "bullet" trains were stopped dead in their tracks yesterday, apparently because a crow caused a short circuit.

Tonga trip

Tel Aviv (Reuters) - President Herzog of Israel will make a stop this week in Tonga as part of his 19-day state visit to the South Pacific.

Trade in flesh

Delhi (Reuters) - Indian police claim to have broken up a "flesh trade racket" selling Calcutta and Bangladesh factory girls to Delhi brothels at £170 apiece.



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Pretoria agrees to release Machel crash black boxes

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

South Africa agreed yesterday, after more than three weeks of haggling, to release the "black boxes" of the Tupolev TU 134 aircraft which crashed on October 19, just inside South African territory, killing President Samora Machel of Mozambique and 33 others.

Pretoria has also announced that two Britons and an American have accepted invitations to sit on South Africa's own board of inquiry into the crash under Mr Justice Cecil Margo, which is expected to begin its work some time in January.

The "three wise men", as they have been dubbed here,

Pretoria was initially very reluctant to hand the box over to the Russians, claiming that its contents could be tampered with so as to seem to corroborate allegations that President Machel's plane had been shot down or lured to its doom.

After a meeting of frontline states in Maputo, the Mozambique capital, at the end of last month, President Kaunda of Zambia suggested publicly that the South Africans could have used "electronic interference" to disorient the pilot.

Mr Botha further disclosed that a third box, containing cockpit voice recordings, would be "taken to a neutral country for decoding and analysis in the presence of South African, Russian and Mozambican technicians".

Representatives of the International Civil Aviation Organization, and experts from other countries, would also be invited to attend.

Meanwhile, a South African lawyers' organization, the Democratic Lawyers' Congress, has called the seizure by Pretoria of documents found at the site of the October 19 crash an act of "international theft and piracy".

The organization said the disclosure of the contents of the documents, which purport to reveal a plan by Mozambique and Zimbabwe to overthrow the Government of neighbouring Malawi, was an attempt "to divert world attention from the ongoing investigation into the crash".

Colonel Borman was already a highly experienced test pilot when he commanded the Gemini 7 space mission in 1965. In December, 1968, he commanded Apollo 8, the first manned space flight to go into orbit round the moon.

Mr Wilkinson has taken part in several hundred air accident investigations, including one in Yugoslavia involving another Tupolev TU 134. A test pilot, he is thought to be the only Westerner who has flown the Soviet-made aircraft.

Sir Edward Eveleigh has been involved in a number of public inquiries into air crashes.

Homeland arrests

Six more people were reported yesterday to have been arrested in the KwaNdebele tribal homeland, under the state of emergency regulations (Michael Hornsby writes from Johannesburg). They include a deputy sheriff and court messenger, a local businessman and a PRO for a football club.

are Colonel Frank Borman, who commanded America's Apollo 8 space mission, Sir Edward Eveleigh, a former Lord Justice of Appeal, and Mr Geoffrey Wilkinson, a former Chief Inspector of Accidents in the Department of Transport.

In a statement released here yesterday, the Foreign Minister, Mr R. F. "Pik" Botha, said Mozambique and the Soviet Union had agreed that Pretoria should select one of two "black boxes" containing identical data and send it to Moscow for decoding and analysis.

Mr Botha said that the two boxes recorded information about "the functioning of the plane in flight and other physical elements which influenced the flight".

The Soviet Union, as the manufacturer of the Tupolev TU 134, which also had a Russian crew, is in sole possession of the computer programme capable of deciphering the information in the boxes.



A black riding on a bus in Durban yesterday after the whites-only buses in the Indian Ocean port city were desegregated to allow anyone to use them. There was mixed reaction from commuters — most did not mind but some were very irate.

Township violence claims two

Johannesburg (Reuters) — A black man was burned alive and a black woman stoned to death in South African township violence, raising the death toll to about 380 since a state of emergency was imposed on June 12.

The Government's Bureau for Information said that the man was attacked in Soweto, near Johannesburg, on Tuesday night by a group of blacks. The woman was murdered by about 70 youths who also set fire to a home in Katlehong, east of Johannesburg, the bureau said. About 100 youths set fire to a delivery vehicle in Katlehong.

More buses were stoned on Tuesday in Soweto, where fare increases have sparked off a new outburst of violence.

Eight people hurt in two bomb blasts in the small mining town of Newcastle on Tuesday were still in hospital yesterday, three of them in a serious condition.

Twenty-three people — 20 blacks and three whites — were hurt when bombs placed in dustbins exploded in a shopping centre and in a magistrates' court.

Botha visit upsets Portugal

From Martha de la Cal, Lisbon

President Botha of South Africa's two-day "private" visit to Madeira is causing a huge embarrassment to the Portuguese Government. President Botha, accompanied by the South African Foreign Minister, Mr R. F. "Pik" Botha, and 20 other people, was invited by a group of 50 Portuguese businessmen from Madeira who are established in South Africa. The businessmen also flew into Madeira by charter plane to meet President Botha.

The Regional President, Senhor Alberto João Jardim, received President Botha at the airport and will offer a banquet for him and his group at the government palace in Funchal. President Jardim, who visited South Africa last month, has publicly praised President Botha's policies and was opposed to sanctions against South Africa.

The Foreign Ministry in Lisbon said there would be no contacts between the Portuguese Government and President Botha. All of the political parties in Parliament, except the right-wing Christian Democrats, presented a mo-

tion of protest against the visit which will be discussed in Parliament today.

An official spokesman for President Soares said that the President had not been previously consulted about the visit by the South African President, but when he became aware of it, he had taken the matter up with the Prime Minister, Senhor Cavaco Silva. The premier has been put in a particularly difficult position because Regional Pres-

ident Jardim is a member of his own Social Democrat party, and Madeira is a major stronghold of Social Democrat votes.

He has made no comment on the visit, leading the Socialist Opposition to accuse him of "putting party interests before foreign policy".

PARIS: President Botha, in France this week for the opening of a war memorial museum honouring South Africans who died in the two world wars, had his visit boycotted by the French Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, in protest at Pretoria's apartheid policy.

Only a minor local government official represented Paris at the museum opening in the Picardy village of Loosneval.

"The fact that lots of Frenchmen attended the ceremony showed that I was welcomed there," said Mr Botha.

But for the first time he publicly expressed his anger at France's chilly attitude by saying: "If a foreign visitor of standing comes to my country, ordinary decency demands that I receive him."



President Botha: "private" visit causes embarrassment

Cabinet votes for tougher laws on French citizenship

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Radical changes in the French code of nationality, aimed at limiting the number of immigrants able to acquire French nationality, were approved by the Cabinet yesterday despite strong criticism from President Mitterrand, the Council of State, the Catholic Church and human rights groups.

Under the proposed new code, a person born in France to immigrant parents will no longer have the automatic right to French citizenship on turning 18. He will now have to apply for citizenship between the ages of 16 and 23.

Citizenship may be refused if he has been sentenced to more than six months' jail; has not become adequately "integrated" into French society; notably through a sufficient knowledge of the French language; has been the subject of an expulsion order; or has been assigned to an officially designated residence by the courts.

At present, some 100,000 people born of immigrant parents automatically acquire French citizenship every year.

The proposed new code also aims to end the virtually automatic acquisition of French nationality by foreigners who marry French citizens.

The Government says this is necessary in order to stop

the abuse of "marriages of convenience". M. Albin Chalandon, the Justice Minister, has notably claimed that "ETA terrorists living in France are marrying French girls to avoid being expelled."

To date, a foreigner married to a French citizen and wanting to acquire French nationality, simply has to file a formal request after six months of marriage. Under the new code, however, he or she will have to go through the same naturalization process as any ordinary immigrant, save that the normal five-year residence requirement will be waived.

Mitterrand told yesterday's Cabinet meeting that he "deplored" several of the measures in the proposed new code.

An Elysée Palace spokesman said the new code was "based on a philosophy which he (M Mitterrand) does not share". He said the President feared, in particular, that "thousands of young, already torn between two cultures, would be further marginalized".

The Socialists have promised to fight the new code "tooth and nail" when it goes before Parliament, arguing that it is "inadmissible, dangerous, and marked with the stamp of racism".

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Zimbabwe jails two for British tourists' murder

From Michael Hartmann, Harare

A Zimbabwean court has sentenced two former soldiers in the North Korean-trained Fifth Brigade to life imprisonment for murdering three British tourists in 1982.

The disappearance in that year of Richard John Frankard, aged 32, his sister, Nicola Jane Frankard, aged 24, and Alison Jones, aged 25, started a nationwide search which lasted three weeks before their bodies were found in the Nyanga mountains.

Mr Justice Ahmed Ibrahim yesterday convicted Leonard Vurayayi and Benjamin Chokani, who at the time of the murder were stationed at a camp being run by the North Koreans near Nyanga.

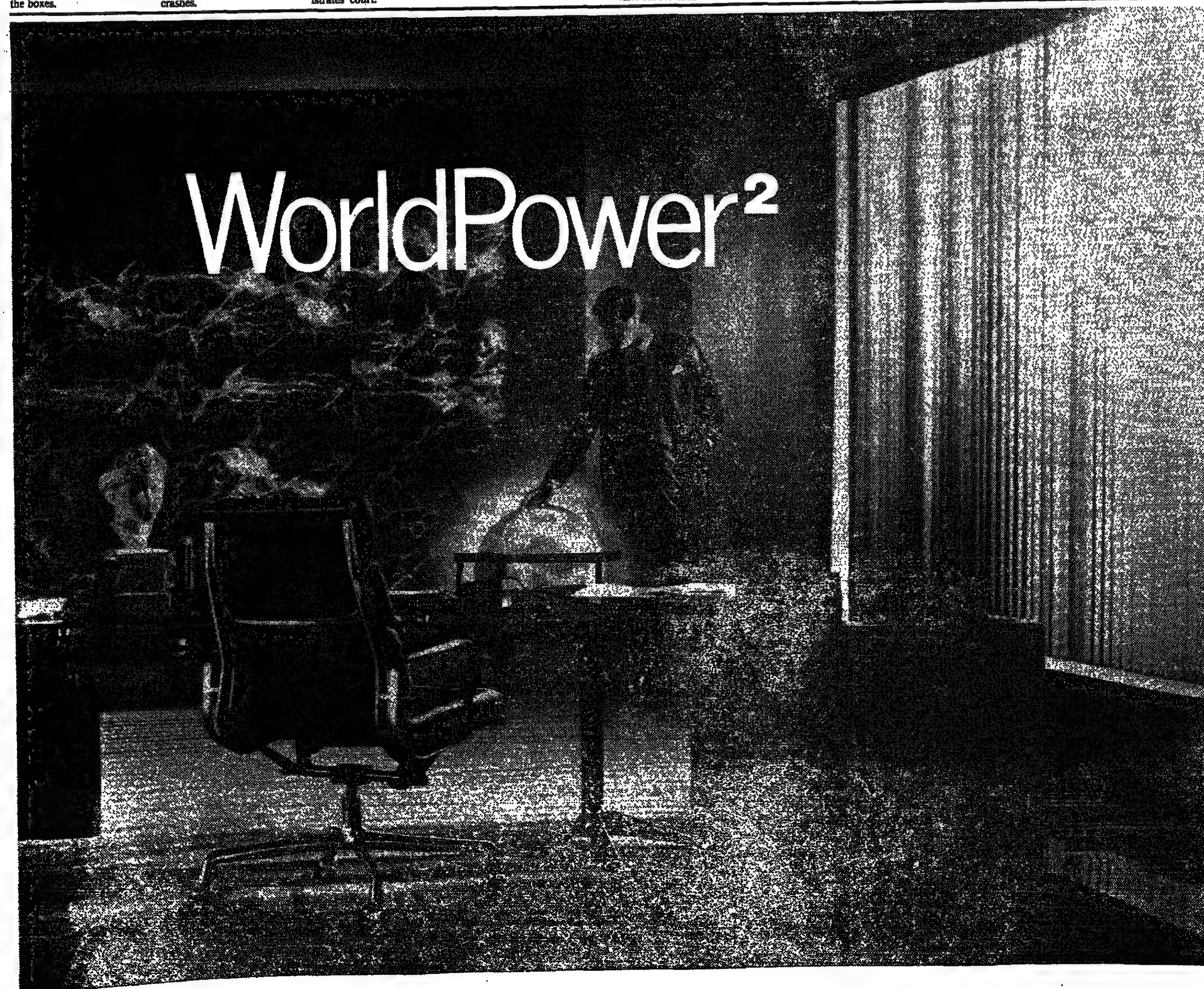
The court found "special

circumstances" for not imposing the death penalty in view of the fact the two men were teenagers when they committed the murders, and had served as guerrillas in the 1972-80 Rhodesian war.

Mr Frankard and his sister came from Oakford, Devon, while Miss Jones's home was in Loughborough, Leicestershire.

Party resignation: One of Zimbabwe's 10 white senators, Mr Terence Oatt, has resigned from Mr Ian Smith's right-wing Conservative Alliance Party because he is dissatisfied with its "confrontational" attitudes towards Mr Robert Mugabe's Government.

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THE ARTS

A trick of fate

Anniversary fever broke out again with *The Great Suez* (BBC2), the 1986 update on the canal that turned into a watershed. Watching the excerpts from interviews filmed in 1966 and 1976, one got the idea that in 10 years' time the full story may at last emerge.

The present essay concentrated on the secret tripartite meeting in Sevres, at which France, Britain and Israel conspired to divert the course of history with a catalogue of duplicity. The former French Minister of Defence described his relations with Shimon Peres and Moshe Dayan as "just like the Russians", and it was further revealed that Selwyn Lloyd attended the conference wearing a false moustache.

TELEVISION

As to dry historical fact, this hard-working programme established that the secret protocol providing for Israel's aggression was signed by Britain and was unanimously approved by Cabinet, and that Eden's health remained sound throughout the crisis. This vain, debonair man's televised speech to the nation, when he sat blinking behind his specs like the defendant at a show trial, was wheeled out once again, but we had to wait another two hours to learn that he attributed the brightness of the studio lights to Communists in the BBC.

The first part of *Television and Number 10* (also BBC2) traced the sad decline of political indifference to the media, from Churchill's disastrous screen-test in Wilson's only love-affair with the cameras, to the disastrous screen-test of a bombastic bloodhound and Douglas-Home, filmed today, remarked that *That Was the Week That Was* "slightly got under my skin". Only Atlee emerged as at all admirable with his uncalculated contempt, and that may have sounded his political death-knell.

Scheduled as a candle on BBC Television's fiftieth birthday-cake well before Mr Tebbit's current round of Auntie-angling, this documentary evoked the distant days when television was expected as a matter of course to act as the Government's lap-dog, and when political comment was banned by the 14-day rule. Since then, as Part 2 will show tonight, the image-dressing fervour of "media consultants" has reduced (or perhaps elevated) our leaders to the realm of show business.

Martin Cropper

Hoskins takes another award

Britain's Bob Hoskins has won the award for Best Actor at Portugal's second international film festival at Tróia for his role in Neil Jordan's *Mona Lisa*.

The week-long festival at the modern beach-resort near Lisbon also included several other British feature films and documentaries, among them *Weatherby*, *Coming Up Roses*, *Sea Coal*, *Letter to Brezhnev* and *My Beautiful Laundrette*. There was also a wide variety of entries from the USA, Canada, the Soviet Union, France, Cuba, Sweden, India and other countries. The American *Fool For Love*, directed by Robert Altman, was judged the best film in the festival.

The organizers of the festival are aiming at promoting tourism and attracting international companies to produce films in Portugal. Foreign producers are already showing interest. Carthage Productions of Tunisia will collaborate with Portuguese producers to make part of Zeffirelli's new film on the life of Toscanini in the New Year.

Embattled lyric impulses

Like a nude ice-skater, Brian Ferneyhough places a great deal of faith in his technique. He also exposes himself to an infection avoided by so many composers who cover themselves with earlier forms and manners. There is nothing "quasi" here, nothing "neo", no quotation marks. Even the notorious complexity of his music seems more an avoidance of backward reference than obfuscation, though arguments on these grounds are beginning to wear rather thin now that he is emerging from his forests of heavily qualified demi-semi quavers to execute elegant figures in an open air of his own discovery.

His recent *Etudes transcendentales* for soprano and instrumental quartet is a thoroughly remarkable essay in daring, being not only the first in his concert-length *l'incipit d'invenzione* cycle but, by aspiration, a companion piece to *Le Marteau sans maître* and *Pierrot lunaire*. These are tough acts to follow, and if there were any doubts

Pryce holds tragic sway

THEATRE

Macbeth Stratford

Following the thrilling Footsbarn production of last month, here is another high-pressure *Macbeth* played in the key of the supernatural. Both performed without interval, the Footsbarn covered the ground in two hours flat while the RSC got it down to two hours and 20 minutes. Both tackle the central question of tragic responsibility in a predetermined action: the first through ritual ritual, the second through individual psychology.

Adrian Noble sets the play in the latest variant of the RSC's empty box, a recessed platform surrounded by blank timber walls. It can be anywhere: the heath, the castle, the interior of the hero's skull. Radio productions of *Macbeth* commonly delocalize events in this way, but it is an unusual procedure on the stage, and it gives the witches a rare chance to supervise events, materializing among the banners of Duncan's army or holding a Black Communion in the debris of the Macbeths' banquet. It installs them as figures of sibylline authority, ready at any moment to invade the hero's mind. That, above all, is Mr Noble's chosen setting, and

the strength and weakness of his production is that it amounts to a one-man show. The clue to Jonathan Pryce's *Macbeth* is that he is a passive character. To do anything he needs to be given an order. Hitherto he has obeyed his king. Now he receives orders from elsewhere; they happen to express his secret ambition, but if anything goes wrong he can always blame someone else. In this reading, the text comes to Mr Pryce's aid. It was the bell that "invited" him to do the murder. He was "drawn" by the unseen dagger. At every turn he can find another alibi, even though it is only a projection of his own fantasy. Then, of course, there was the wife, bullying him into regicide.

Lady Macbeth's job is done as soon as Duncan is dead. Since Cusack plays her as a corporation wife, blind to everything except the banality

of her husband's advancement, and reduced to mute horror when she sees the monster she has let loose. Her sexual dominance in the early scenes exists strictly in contrast to her husband's apparent feebleness. Mr Pryce, an actor whose presence used to signal instant danger, has learnt to keep his powers in reserve; and, for a good third of the action, he maintains a mask of inattention — excessively modest, ready with winning smiles, forever running his hand irresolutely through his thinning hair.

Even when the mask cracks it is only by degrees, and it is not until the climax of the banquet — which he diversifies with burlesque displays of lunacy to put the guests off the scent — that the monster finally hatches out. He takes his wife's hand for the speech on "night's black agents" and finishes it with a blood-curdling shriek that sends her staggering across the stage; then bursts into laughter at his little joke.

The performance is full of such moments of stabbing surprise — to which Mr Noble adds some of his own, as when he appears slicing through the besieged castle

walls, final evidence that reality is at last penetrating the infernal private world. After that, *Macbeth* is carved to pieces by Peter Guinness's Macduff without even raising his sword. It is a performance showing a ferocious imagination at full stretch, and it leaves room for very little else on the stage.

Apart from Hugh Quarshie's watchful Banquo, the Scottish nobility are a dull interchangeable lot; and David Troughton's Porter, burdened with witless new gags, is a roaring windbag. The witches are a businesslike trio, going through their conjurations as though repeating prayers by rote. Here, as elsewhere in the show, Mr Noble seems to be achieving spurious effects simply by reversing theatrical clichés.

The one interesting novelty is the introduction of children who play blind-man's-buff with Macbeth in the apparition scene and then reappear as Macduff's doomed family. The evident reference is to the Macbeths' failure to produce a family of their own; but the idea is insufficiently worked out to achieve dramatic focus.

Irving Wardle

Ian Richardson's extraordinary skill in depicting duplicity, memorable in *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*, aspires to fresh heights in the title-role of *Blunt*, a BBC production to be shown for the first time at the National Film Theatre tomorrow: interview by John Preston

A supremely high class of treachery



Ian Richardson as Anthony Blunt: "such a terribly enigmatic figure"

Ian Richardson has recently been visited by an intruder — the neighbourhood tom-cat — and has doused his living-room carpet in cologne to try to obliterate the smell. "I'm sorry if this place smells like a brothel," he says. In this part of Clapham any raised voices behind the bay-windows are likely to belong to actors rehearsing their lines: Prunella Scales and Timothy West are up the road, Michael Gough and Daniel Massey around separate corners. "Yes," says Richardson, again sounding faintly apologetic, "it is a bit of an enclave."

Tomorrow evening at the National Film Theatre Richardson appears in the title-role of *Blunt*, a BBC film directed by John Glenister and scripted by Robin Chapman. The film, which is being transmitted in the New Year, is set in 1951 as Burgess and Maclean prepare to flee to Russia and Anthony Blunt stays behind to mind the fort, and the Courtauld. This is the first time, although not one suspects the last, that Blunt has appeared in dramatized form. The role of Guy Burgess, here played by Anthony Hopkins, is fast becoming an essential part in any distinguished actor's repertoire.

Richardson was first mooted to play Blunt, much to his astonishment, more than three years ago. Shortly after Blunt died, Richardson read in a paper that he had been earmarked for the part. This was news to both him and his agent, and assuming it had all been wild speculation, he put it out of his mind. Earlier this year Blunt finally caught up with him. In many ways it was an ideal Richardson part. There may not be that much direct physical resemblance, but Richardson has a suitably patrician bearing, while there is something about his sharp, impassive features that seems to lend itself to portrayals of upper-class treachery. Richardson has played a good few cold, often duplicitous, fish in his time, including Bill Haydon in *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*. He was to find out that Blunt and Haydon had rather more in common than the same elevated shoes Richardson wore for both parts.

In the flesh Richardson is at pains to emphasize that he is not a cold fish at all. Sporting two poppies in his buttonhole, he is effusive, if nervous, throwing his legs back and forth over one another as he speaks. "When we were shooting *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*, John Le Carré if he was happy with my interpretation of Haydon, because I was having difficulty in finding him. I wanted to know if he had had anyone in mind when he wrote the character. 'Ah,' said Le Carré, 'that would be telling.' Not long after the series came out the whole Blunt thing exploded and I suddenly realized who Le Carré's model had been."

When Richardson came to play Blunt, he had therefore got something of a head start, especially in his knowledge of the workings of the Secret Service. During *Tinker, Tailor* he had been invited to a soirée attended by what Richardson refers to as "real-life gentlemen" who filled

him in on the espionage background. "It was very strange, these highly intelligent, retired Secret Service types all treating me as one of them." But, while the background was there, Richardson still had to get a line on Blunt, a man, he agrees, who was well-known and unimpeachable. Unlike Burgess, in particular, Blunt had no apparent personal resentment against

the Establishment, indeed was happy within its bosom, less viper as the years went by than devoted lap-dog.

"I watched quite a lot of television footage of Blunt," he says. "The most interesting thing was a film of the late Richard Dimbleby going round the Queen's pictures with Blunt as his charming escort. He came over as charming, extremely polite and very

knowledgeable. But that was all you saw; there was no glimpse of the man behind the manner. And, when I watched the press conference he gave after he had been exposed, you got nothing from that either. His face remained almost totally immobile.

"I had to try to understand him, not necessarily to sympathize, although that is always a temptation. I remember when I played Robespierre I tried to find a book that excused him. But you must reach out to find the human side, otherwise you can't serve the drama properly. I told myself that Blunt loved Burgess very deeply and that he always claimed he was never responsible for the loss of any agents in the field. I also had a feeling that, because he could so easily have been blackmailed, the KGB had a very firm grip on him. But Blunt was such a terribly enigmatic figure that in the end I decided the less research I did the better. When I played Pandit Nehru in *The Last Viceroy* I spent three months exploring the character. But then Nehru needed thick oil-paint on the canvas of my interpretation. In comparison Blunt is made up of very thin watery colours and light brush-strokes."

A Richardson canvas is apt to be a pretty sparsely covered affair. He has, he says, learnt a great deal from Alec Guinness about paring everything down to the barest of essentials. "It's pure technique. That stillness, or impassivity, is something I have to work very hard at. When I am rehearsing I always say to the director that I am going to be a period when I am going to go right over the top. Then I will start discarding bit by bit. By the time I get to the performance I have eliminated a lot of what I hope is superfluous."

Richardson must be one of the few actors living, or dead for that matter, who has played both Professor Higgins in *My Fair Lady* and the title-role of *Richard III*. But then he is one of a comparatively rare breed happy to do the "light, frothy stuff" yet capable of summoning up the gravitas when required. He has done little theatre in recent years, partly because he says he cannot find the right vehicle, and partly because concentrating on film and television work allows him and his wife to spend more time in their house on the Côte d'Azur. Since finishing *Blunt*, Richardson has not forsaken the Secret Service entirely; he went on to play the head of MI6 in the film version of Frederick Forsyth's *The Fourth Protocol*, then took a big swing into the ridiculous playing the master of a (highly) fictionalized Cambridge college in the television adaptation of Tom Sharpe's *Porterhouse Blue*.

"I'm always being asked to play these sinister types," he says. "But you know I rather enjoy being warm and amusing. There is nothing more rewarding in the world than having someone come up to you and say 'I saw you in so-and-so and you did make me laugh.' Richardson twiddles his thumbs thoughtfully and adds: "Particularly if it was an ad-lib."

phen Coombes. In Clementi's Sonata in B flat they conveyed the music's romantic emotions on an appropriately intimate scale, but in their superb performance of Rachmaninov's Suite No 1 there were no limits to the power with which they expressed feelings. And Ravel's *La Valse* can seldom have been quite so darkly yet majestically evocative of those swirling Viennese rhythms. Peter Lawson's *Song of the Late Spider Orchid*, here receiving its world premiere, was surely, however, all too *faux-naïf*.

The Canadian pianist Daria Telizova rather naughtily gave a season of three so-called London debuts. In the second of them she played Debussy, Barber and the Fantasy, Elgar and Toccata by the Canadian-Czech composer Oskar Morawetz, a work full of spirited freedom albeit in a conservatively neo-classical vein. Her touch, I thought, was nicely refined here. But she spoiled everything with a performance of Liszt's Piano Sonata that seemed both technically and musically woefully ill-prepared.

Stephen Pettitt

The Old Man of Lochnagar

Sadler's Wells

In the dear dead days before he began spending his free time communing with flowers, the Prince of Wales wrote an entertainment for his young brothers. This was subsequently published in book form, and here — in a musically expanded version by David Wood — reaches the climax of its national tour for Whirligig Theatre.

The story concerns the exertions of the titular old man (Iain Lauchlan, in the company of three mischievous haggards) first to find and then to save from peril a race of diminutive mountain-dwellers known as the Gorms. It can be no secret that Prince Charles is a devotee of the Gorms and their "surreal" humour. Faint echoes of that style may be heard in the homely puns that decorate the script. "I've far too much grousework to do" expostulates the Old Man's daily (Mary-Ann Coburn got up as a grouse) — although this sally fails to rouse the proto-Molesworths and trainees St Trinianettes who comprise the audience.

The elements of the piece to which they do respond are the moments of jeopardy, as when the Old Man encounters a giant spider or finds himself in the clutches of the dreaded Pig-Eagle — a compound beast possessed of a "blood-curdling grunt". There is enough of this stuff to keep the thing earning its living, and Mr Lauchlan and Miss Coburn (who doubles as Queen of the Gorms) are both accomplished performers who know how to milk the adaptor's production.

It might be objected that the villain of the piece — Percy Copley as Giant Gormless, a dozy Sassenach intent on kidnapping the Gorms for his circus — is nothing like fearsome enough to provide the edge of terror required; and any self-respecting boy's toes would curl at the sight of the gymnastic creatures gambolling about in their Highland fastness like *Flash Gordon* extras out of Richard Dadd. But Susie Caulcutt's design strikes exactly the right note with its grotesques and caves rendered in the tints of traditional fairy-tale books, particularly so in the underwater sequence which conveys a roccoco nether world with great richness.

Martin Cropper

EXHIBITION

Philip Larkin University College, London



Self-portrait, c. 1963

"Things I like in a town", Philip Larkin wrote in 1954, just before he moved to Hull, "are smallness, nearness of country, friendliness of people, some degree of inaccessibility." The exhibition *Philip Larkin: His Life and Work* (until December 5) was first shown for a few weeks this summer at the University of Hull, where Larkin was librarian for 30 years until his death from cancer a year ago. It is an affectionate and learned tribute, devised and catalogued by Brian Dyson, Hull University archivist.

An economical first section introduces Larkin's published work: first editions of his poems from *The North Ship* (1945) to *High Windows* (1974), his two novels, *Jill* (1946) and *A Girl in Winter* (1947), the anthologies to which he contributed, the controversial *Oxford Book of Twentieth-Century Verse* (1973) and his final critical collection, *Required Writing* (1983). The organizers, who knew Larkin well, have set some deliberate puzzles. What would Larkin, a notably witty man, have said about "Church Going", translated into Japanese, or a thesis entitled "That sinking feeling: a study of endings in the poetry of Philip Larkin"?

His *Collected Poems* are eagerly awaited, but the book is still held up, amidst considerable publicity, at the planning stage. Larkin was a rigorous self-critic and the proportion of unpublished drafts to published poems is unusually high. The notebook in the British Library has been in the public domain since 1964. Otherwise this exhibition has provided the first and very welcome chance to see some working drafts and unpublished poems.

With a poet of Larkin's stature even the minor pieces are intriguing. "Letter to a Friend about Girls" is a find.

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A liking for the unusual

the last moment, but found the torments of notes in Strauss's Violin Sonata a challenge that daunted just too much, while Miss Layton, playing with a thin sound, seemed happy merely to have got through this somewhat overblown piece at all.

Beethoven's E flat Sonata, Op 12 No 3, was much better, showing mature, but thankfully not over-refined, sensibility; there was also plenty of give and take between the two protagonists.

Sharing the evening, which was promoted by the Worshipful Company of Musicians, was the piano duo of Christopher Scott and Ste-

CONCERT

Lontano/Martinez St John's

about the success of the work. Ferneyhough would be feeling chilly in some pretty uncomfortable places. But there are none.

Simply that. We are dealing here with something very special and rare, something which eases back, against so great a resistance, the boundary of the beautiful. The journey from Schoenberg to Boulez to Ferneyhough is one of a lyric impulse ever more embattled, and the world of the new piece is, as the heading of the penultimate movement has it, "cold but under great pressure".

The composer refers to a line of Trakl. "The pain face in the stone", to suggest this emotion that is petrified (in both senses), and his nine poems, by Ernst Meister and

Alain Fortig, pick at ancient, distant, icy but still furiously alive images — as furiously alive as his own wheezing oboe solo with vocal support, his brilliantly numb, dark song with harpsichord and pizzicato cello, his duet for voice and a flute, at first agitated by scale patterns, his adagio of muted conchaling around a vocal part of soft, detached sounds and his quite extraordinary finale.

This opens with a strident, high, unison F sharp, a signal of music queezed to the limits, and ends with a resigned cessation of the war to weld music and words together: the singer speaks the poem, and the quartet fantastically spirals itself away.

Jane Manning was, by this stage, clearly in trouble from a throat infection, but she had sung like a manic angel to press home the importance of this work, very eloquently aided by Lontano under Odaline de la Martinez.

Paul Griffiths

Soft salesman for the great gas buy

Behind the dreadful advertising campaign and beyond the political bickering hovers this immense face. It is gloomy, cantankerous and impatient; it challenges you to say something stupid.

In a doomed attempt to reduce this physiognomy to manageable proportions, its owner has been called Denis the Menace and Desperate Dan. But always Sir Denis Rooke emerges as bigger than his detractors. After all, ad-men, merchant bankers and journalists don't actually do anything. Sir Denis, among other things, was on the 23-day maiden voyage of the Methane Pioneer from the Gulf of Mexico to Canvey Island — it was the world's first liquefied natural gas carrier and it is generally assumed he would have known how to build the ship single-handed.

As the hours tick away to the world's biggest-ever share flotation, the £5.5bn sale of British Gas, the whole story seems increasingly to centre more and more on this man's character. For a start, unlike almost every other executive caught up in the Government's privatisation programme, he has been against the idea from the beginning. He has never succumbed to the public relations demand to view the whole thing as an exciting leap into the future. And he has remained determinedly unconvinced by its philosophical justifications.

The key to Rooke's survival lies in his indisputable

A tendency to hum along at the opera

record of success. British Gas has grown relentlessly to a £1.1bn profit on turnover of £7.7bn, which makes most brokers gleeful about the short-term prospects for the share flotation even if they are sceptical about the longer-term, given the company's dangerous dependence on a single product and its vulnerability to changes in the home market.

The growth has been achieved against a post-second world war background fraught with technical and political difficulties. In 1949 the industry consisted of more than 1,000 separate companies supplying "town gas" — produced from coal — to 11.5m consumers.

In May of that year gas was nationalized, only to run headlong into a potentially fatal cost problem relative to electricity and oil. Gas suddenly became the fuel of the past, associated with the bad old pre-war days and crudely uncompetitive with the clean, slick, image of electricity.

The Gas Council — as British Gas then was — responded by switching to "high speed" gas, derived from oil. But this huge technical achievement was rendered obsolete by the discovery of a commercially viable North Sea natural gas field in 1965.

The next decade was spent switching to natural gas. Rooke was at the centre of the whole operation in a variety of posts as he rose through the company's ranks. The very word "gas" is perhaps too humble for the full scale of the achievement to be appreciated. Had he been a Victorian and the

THE TIMES PROFILE

SIR DENIS ROOKE

1924: Born April 2, London.
1944: Joined REME, serves in UK and India.
1949: Married Elizabeth Evans (one daughter). Joined South Eastern Gas Board as assistant mechanical engineer.
1954: Deputy Manager of Works.
1957: Seconded to North Thames Gas Board to work on liquefied natural gas.
1959: As member of technical team, sailed on Methane Pioneer on first voyage.
1960: Development Engineer, Gas Council (member for production and supplies, 1966-71).
1972: Joined Advisory Council for Research and Development.
1976: Chairman, British Gas Corporation (formerly Gas Council).
1977: Knighted.

problem been railways or bridges, then it would have been easier to visualize him in the tradition of Brunel or Telford. But the problem was merely one of piping a mundane commodity to our cooke.

Rooke was not solely responsible but his name is stamped as firmly on the achievement as was that of Brunel on the Great Western Railway, the point being that Rooke was never anything but a gas engineer, pure and simple.

Born in south-east London in 1924, he was educated at Westminster City School, Addey and Stanhope School and University College, London. He married in 1949, the year that gas was nationalized, and in the same year he joined the South Eastern Gas Board. He became deputy chairman of British Gas in 1972 and chairman in 1976.

This uninterrupted immersion in the industry has produced in him a range of attitudes which have been persistently at odds with all attempts at political interference. The logistics of gas pricing and supply have obliged him always to take a longer-term view than any of his political masters. And he has insisted on believing that the industry's primary obligation is to its customers, which has given him a rationale for overriding the usual consideration for shareholders. Additionally, his engineering



Sir Denis Rooke: a gas man right to the fingertips

background has led him to take a strictly empirical view of what works and what does not. It is this wholehearted empiricism which has time and again crashed violently against the rationalist sea-wall of Whitehall.

The noise has frequently been deafening. He publicly assailed the Queen's Speech in 1981, with its veiled threats towards British Gas, and was equally publicly told off by Nigel Lawson. Yet in June this year, at the expiry of his contract, the Government asked him to stay for another three years.

He fought and won the battle to prevent the business being split up into supply, distribution and sale of appliances but he lost the battle to keep its oil interests. For the moment he has lost the battle to buy gas from the Norwegian Sleipner Field in the 1990s — a £20bn deal — but privatization will let him win that in the long run. The outcome of the final battle, the effective means of controlling gas prices after the flotation, remains uncertain.

Rooke, an amateur photographer, lives in a fairly humble, detached, whitewashed house of indeterminate character in Blackheath. He is a trustee of the Science Museum, where a colleague says he is a champion of charging the customers and is amiable but garrulous. The same colleague also said Rooke assiduously wrote down the name of a neighbour who was having trouble with his gas supply and something was done.

Sir Austin Pearce, chairman of British Aerospace, grows lyrical about the man's unassailable honesty and the sheer delight of spending an evening with Rooke and his wife. This frequently consists of a trip to the opera at which Rooke, disconcertingly, hums along.

But Rooke has shown himself impatient with attempts to get behind his formidable facade — he finds the flouting of private life distasteful.

He has said: "The trouble with these people who say they're sorry but they've got to go now because they can't about the quality of life and they need to be off and play golf... the trouble with them is they never actually achieve things."

The City remains bemused. Stockbrokers' analysts have wriggled with delight on being told by this impatient, sceptical giant that their questions are meaningless. But behind their glee lies a suspicion about the shares. Apart from their long-term potential, there is the question of the company succession. Rooke's key board members are gas men too — but have they anything like the star-quality? Robert Evans, the chief executive, is the crown prince but the danger is that British Gas, even on this scale, could turn out to have been a one-man company all along.

Overall, however, even the analysts are left speechless. Like Brunel or Telford, Rooke has done something in an age when the highest accolades usually go to somebody who has fixed something. Or, as one well-heeled beneficiary of the Big Bang put it: "He kept a lot of grannies alive."

Bryan Appleyard

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THE THIN BLUE LINE

A growing number of police forces are striving to forge better links with local people. Our series continues with a look at their successes — and their failures

Part 4:

Local heroes?

It is a bleak afternoon on the streets of Govan and the steady rain has driven even the hooligans back inside their concrete towers.

Police Constables Raymond Campbell and Robert Hayes are out as usual, patrolling their patch of this highly depressed suburb of Glasgow, trading the knife-edge of street diplomacy in their efforts to merge with the local community.

The two 30-year-old officers know every inch of the square half-mile which stretches from the disused shipyards on the banks of the Clyde to the Rangers football ground — every car number, every face. "We know them and they know us and if we don't know their name we've forgotten it," says Hayes.

The constables, who are part of the four-man Govan community project team, have friends here too. Pensioners make them cups of tea and send them away with paper bags stuffed full of home-made toffee, shortbread and dumplings, youngsters who invite them and their wives to birthday parties and dances.

"I wouldn't be in Govan without them," says Mrs Ann Boal, warden of the Summerston sheltered housing complex. "Before they came, the vandalism and muggings were terrible. I suddenly discovered that police were human after I met the four in Govan."

"When people can stand and argue with you and call you names, you know that you're getting somewhere," says Campbell. "You're no longer a faceless person."

It is the encouraging side of community policing, the part which appeals to both the traditionally-minded public and the coppers on the beat. But this controversial method of law enforcement, which has become a buzzword among Britain's politicians and police forces, has its critics too. They contend that the idea of the old-time village bobby patrolling the turbulent multi-ethnic council estates of our inner cities is outdated, a waste of time and resources.

That is certainly not the



Community policing in Glasgow: "When people argue with you, you're getting somewhere. You're no longer a faceless person"

view of David Gray, who, as Chief Constable of Greenock, introduced Scotland to the concept of community policing in 1986 — almost 20 years before John Alderson, when Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall, began preaching its benefits in England. Gray believes that community policing is "the only way forward" in dealing with inner-city crime. The problem lies in persuading police forces that it works.

"In England, there are one or two forces where it is really taking off very well, but others tend to pay it lip service. The important thing is to ensure that recruits coming into the service are taught to understand just how much influence for good a policeman has."

There are no official guidelines governing the implementation of community policing, which makes it almost impossible to judge its

success objectively. In England and Wales, consultation between the police and the community has been statutory since 1985, backed up by periodical reviews, but specific policies are expected to be shaped to local needs. In Scotland, too, community policing strategies vary.

The largest force, Strathclyde, which incorporates Glasgow, has designated 40 community project and initiative areas since 1983, and is generally regarded as Scotland's leading exponent of the community policing. The main aim is "to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour in deprived areas while maintaining close links with other services in an effort to improve the quality of life for residents". Officers' duties range from "assisting and advising the public" to liaising with schools.

Inspector John Robertson,

the officer in overall charge of Strathclyde's community policing projects, believes that it is basically "what every policeman should be doing anyway". By getting personally involved with local youngsters, project officers can help to prevent crime. And with their paperwork kept to a minimum they can devote almost all their time to the job.

Constables Campbell and Hayes have personally visited every shop and resident on their Govan patch, including those in the multi-storey council blocks. Now, when the inhabitants ring the police station, they ask for their officers by name.

The constables have also used their local knowledge to help the CID and the drugs squad solve several serious crimes, including a murder. "I would say that we get half our information from criminals,"

Hayes says. "If one criminal dislikes another, he'll grass."

Campbell agrees. "Some of the youngsters we've arrested have never had anyone sit down and talk to them like a human being before. We give them a cup of tea and ask them about their mum and dad. In return some of them have told us what they've been involved in lately and we've cleared up a lot of crime."

Even so, he and Campbell are realistic in measuring their achievements by the fact that in the eyes of most of the community, "we've turned from being loathed into a necessary evil".

Sally Brompton

TOMORROW

Hi-tech detection: fingerprint facts

'Most complaints are resolved by apology'

The Brixton riots of 1981 proved to be a watershed in the debate on the handling of complaints against the police.

In his report on the disturbances, Lord Scarman wrote: "I find that there is a lack of public confidence in the existing system" and called for the rapid introduction of an independent element in investigating complaints.

The system centred on the Police Complaints Board, founded in 1976 against considerable opposition from senior officers. Investigations were in the hands of the police, but the board received a copy of the final report and could overturn the police decision.

The operation of the board pleased neither the police nor the public, and in 1984 the Police and Criminal Evidence Act replaced it with the Police Complaints Authority.

Under the Act all complaints still have to go to the local chief constable in the first instance. The bulk of complaints involve discourtesy or inconsiderate behaviour and can be resolved informally by an apology or explanation, and the chief constable will appoint someone of the rank of at least chief inspector to investigate.

If, however, the complaint involves death or serious injury, and is likely to result in a criminal or disciplinary charge, it must be referred to the PCA. And the PCA can be asked to look at matters where no complaint has been made.

But where it appears that a policeman has committed an offence important enough to merit the authority's attention, earlier this year the PCA brought to light the ineffectiveness of Scotland Yard's investigations into the case of the Holloway youths allegedly attacked by police officers. Publicity forced the case to be reopened and charges were brought. More recently the PCA overruled the Yard over an officer accused of sexual assault. The Yard had decided he would be "advised" of his behaviour; the PCA has had the man suspended pending a disciplinary charge.

The PCA consists of a chairman (currently Sir Cecil Clothier, the former Ombudsman) appointed by the Queen, and two deputies and nine members appointed by the Home Secretary. They hold office for three years and must not be former or serving policemen.

When the PCA takes over an investigation, one of the members is appointed to oversee the task, appointing the investigating officer (usually from another force).

The Police Federation is among critics who are still unhappy with the new system, arguing that the PCA should be totally independent, with its own investigators. The suggestion was turned down during the formulation of the 1984 Act on the grounds that it would be difficult to find anyone with sufficient experience who was not a policeman.

Stewart Tendler

'We're on our mettle; strangers are noted'

Fern Avenue is a leafy suburban street in Flixton on the sprawling south side of Greater Manchester. It contains 10 houses in varying Thirties styles, all with outward signs of proud ownership. Firmly fixed to a lamp post is a heavy-duty plastic sign depicting a law-breaker in flight, and the legend "This is a Home Watch Area".

Fern Avenue is one of more than 2,000 Home Watch schemes in the Greater Manchester police area. The Home Watch project, officially described as "a formal network for concerned citizens to report information to the local police", began in Greater Manchester less than two years ago and has spread rapidly. It is too early to say whether or not crime is being reduced as a direct result of Home Watch, but early indications are encouraging.

Derek Quigley, aged 45, who recently quit the Customs service after ill health, is Fern Avenue's civilian co-ordinator. "We began our scheme six months ago, and since then there has been an increase in friendship and community spirit. The main thing now is that we are very much on our mettle. Strangers are noted and anyone acting suspiciously is immediately reported."

The "beat bobby" who liaises regularly with Quigley and other co-ordinators is Constable Jim Hatfield, aged 38, who is in no doubt as to the success of Home Watch. He says there has been a



Villains beware: public alert

"significant drop" in the number of burglaries on his patch, and there have been arrests "directly attributable to the quick work and sharp eyes of Home Watch members".

Flixton is in the Trafford division, which now boasts 1,000-plus Home Watch schemes. PC Dave Ellery, of the Community Contact Department, says: "We don't want spies. We don't want to know whether the guy next door hasn't paid his car tax. We want people to be alert."

Inspector Bill Pattinson of the Community Relations Branch says: "Cynics say Home Watch only helps shift crime from one district to another. I suppose one may logically have to accept some displacement, but we have no direct evidence of this."

As policemen are enthusiastic about the scheme, we simply cannot fight crime on our own. We need the help and support of the public."

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BOOKS

Doubtful art of Kremlinology

By the very nature of the impossible task he faces, the Western observer in a totalitarian society is either a fool or a liar, depending on whether or not he reports what he sees. Historically, Western reporters based in Soviet Russia, the original "closed" society, have either been duped by the regime's presentation of itself - intended for foreign consumption - or chosen to ignore it, relying instead on wild conjectures as the only alternative source of news. Richard Owen, until recently the Moscow correspondent of *The Times*, steers clear of the two options, which makes him an exception to the rule; unfortunately, it also makes for a rather empty book, since even an intelligent and honest observer like this one is incapable of penetrating the closed society, whose inner workings are hidden from all.

The book's subtitle, "Soviet Succession and the Rise of Gorbachev", describes Mr Owen's subject more clearly than the catchier *Crisis in the Kremlin*. In fact, if Mr Owen's book has a thesis, it is that internal political conflict is a constant of totalitarian rule, thwarting any attempt to isolate and identify a "crisis" with any degree of certainty.

Compiling his version of events from the scanty bits of information on which Kremlinologists base their conclusions, such as the ongoing elipsis in an official press report or the order of attendees at an official function, Mr Owen does the best job possible; yet the result amounts to little more than an exercise in hindsight. As he himself would be first to acknowledge, until the relevant Soviet archives are opened, we cannot know whether his - or anyone else's - analysis of the succession game is even remotely accurate. More important, since this is a work of reconstruction rather than of prognosis, even a perfectly accurate account of the power struggles in the post-Brezhnev past can offer virtually no insight into the Gorbachev

Andrei Navrozov

CRISIS IN THE KREMLIN

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THE WAKING GIANT

By Martin Walker

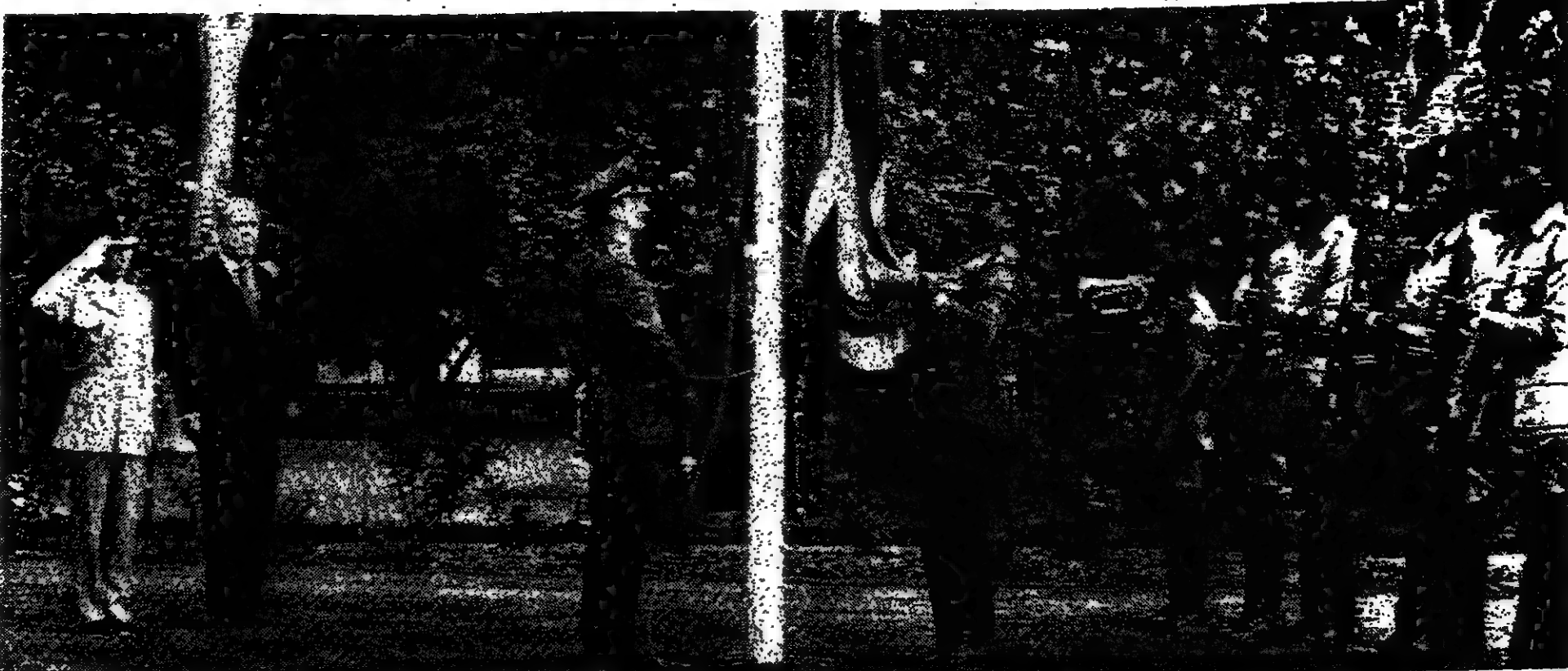
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present and future. This is the fundamental shortcoming of Kremlinology as a discipline.

By contrast, *The Waking Giant* is a chatty, urbane paean to the gentrification of totalitarianism by *The Guardian's* man in Moscow. Mr Walker wastes no time reconstructing the hidden realities of Soviet rule; he constructs them to partisan specifications with the energy and confidence of a *Novosti* Press Agency spokesman. To build his Potemkin village for the Eighties, the author relies on propaganda myths (FSU workers are "inspired by the profit made from the sales of Pravda and other party publications, and by the party dues"), absurd clichés ("Traditionally for Russia, war is something that other people inflict on them [sic]"), and bald assertions ("Staraya Ploshchad" [grossly distorted Russian for Moscow's Old Square, location of CPSU's central committee secretariat] is "the real seat of power in the Soviet Union").

"Great Powers," writes this Oxford and Harvard-educated historian, "have always defended their empires in hostile ways. For every Afghanistan there is a Vietnam." Misspelling every third Russian word he uses, he tells us that Russia "remains a country of which we know desperately little"; and as Marxists we might conclude that Oxford and Harvard are to blame. As mere readers, we may conclude that Mr Walker is possibly the most enthusiastic apologist for the Soviet regime since Walter Duranty.

From scarlet to fatigues with pride



Last Post and the Empire moves out: Prince Charles and the British Governor, Lord Soames, stand to attention as the Union Jack comes down on Rhodesia

Much has already been written about Britain's disengagement from the greatest empire, in the traditional sense of the term, the world has ever seen. Most of this has been put together from a political angle, with necessary consideration of economic and social factors and, naturally, some attention to the military. What has been lacking hitherto, however, is a comprehensive account of the process of disengagement seen as a military continuum, recognizing the constant (and frequently overriding) importance of the military component in the whole.

Disengagement and withdrawal were in essence a continuous military operation. It was made up of many different campaigns and actions, in many different parts of the world, with sharp differences of climate, environment, and terrain, and with people of varied race and colour and - with the important exception of the universal quest for independence from colonial rule - with widely differing aspirations. The complete act of disengagement

John Hackett

WITHDRAWAL FROM EMPIRE

By William Jackson

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ing to the United Kingdom's overall plan, up to 1982. The main purpose and value of this admirable and important book lies in an examination of the military activities that were of paramount importance in the journey from riches (in this perhaps rather highly coloured figure of speech) back to rags. This forms the main body of the book.

Closely concerned though the author certainly was himself with much of the action he writes about he does it all with dispassionate detachment. His chapters on the post-war allied reoccupation of South East Asia, against the rising tides, often confluent, of Communism and nationalism, and the highly successful operations in Kenya and Malaysia to contain them, make text book reading. Our failure

in the Middle East, where American ambitions over oil supply combined with a strong transatlantic anti-colonial hangover to offer formidable obstacles to what we tried to do, is well and soberly handled. The chapter on "The Final Disengagement" ends with a tribute to British men-at-arms: "The creation and withdrawal from Empire shows them at their best in the maritime environment - sea, land and air - meeting the unexpected challenge anywhere in the world with judicious police-military tactics which have made them some of Britain's best ambassadors."

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Enid Bagnold was beautiful, vivid, and attractive in youth - attracting mentors (such as Frank Harris, her first lover) and Prince Antoine Bibesco (also a lover), who both taught and encouraged her to write.

Brought up in a military family, going to war as a VAD (her *Diary without Dates* was a literary sensation), she led a mildly Bohemian London life, studying art with Sickert, and looking for a career - finding it, at the age of 30, in marriage to Sir Roderick Jones, head of Reuters. Four children, houses in London and Rotterdam, servants and horses, went with a demanding social life as Lady Jones. Sir Roderick, a terrifying martinet in the office, required perfection at home. Like her friend Diana Cooper, Enid Bagnold considered his affairs with younger women to have no relevance to their marriage, and their long-lasting love. More interested in romance than sex, she fell in love quite often - even into old age.

She continued to write novels, and then plays, about an aristocratic world, and the old-fashioned subjects in the 60s, and after. Anne Sebba has been able to consult the Reuters archives, which contained many of the private papers. She indicates, tactfully, that the idiosyncratic autobiography is an artistic version of more prosaic and painful truths. This readable and lively biography reveals a passionate woman, who was painfully aware of the difficulties of living as writer, and as a wife and mother - roles she played, but never to her satisfaction. *National Velvet* and *The Chalk Garden* are minor classics. The *Squire* is to be republished soon. Enid Bagnold may yet become a cult figure, and as successful as she longed to be.

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Pest of royalty

Hugo Vickers

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ively he "might be replaced by a better candidate." Finally we are told: "As a republic Britain could experience a renaissance. At the very least she would purge herself of the archaic influences which today corrupt her character, deform her society, and retard her progress." Mr Brendon does not want "a bloody

revolution." He hopes his pipe dream of a republic will arrive "without social damage."

I wish I had confined myself to the opening chapter of this book and its conclusion, without ploughing through all the one-sided arguments against our kings. Mr Brendon had decided from the start that they could do no right. Therefore to read his book is rather like taking a train journey with a malicious person, who pours scorn on everything discussed. I admit that he was unlikely to convince me of the advantages of a republic, but his case is constantly weakened by the combination of bias and gratuitous unpleasantness. I am not even convinced that in Mr Brendon we have a burning republican.

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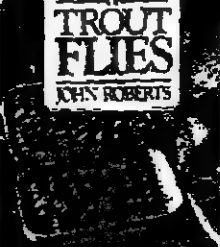
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BOOKS

THE ROYAL BEASTS
AND OTHER WORKS
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There is no reason why academics should not also be what is popularly known as "creative" writers. American universities tend to adopt the unscholarly title of writer-in-residence and there are some notable examples of the double life in this country, David Lodge and Malcolm Bradbury being two of the most eminent. But it is rare here; and it was rarer still when William Empson was both a Professor of English Literature and a celebrated poet.

He was best known as a critic, however, which must have been a particularly galling fate for him — a disappointment all the greater because, as John Haffenden explains in his introduction to this collection of Empson's previously unpublished work, he began with high hopes as a playwright and poet. In fact when he was an undergraduate at Cambridge in the Twenties, he and his writing became something of a cult. This is generally disastrous for everyone concerned, of course, and English life is littered with the burnt-out relics of young men and women who were once hailed as "promising" or acclaimed as "geniuses".

By all accounts Empson was a clever, spirited, and quick-witted young man; such people flourish in university conditions (and by the strange alchemy of fate they tend to produce work which university audiences particularly admire), but they are also the ones who seem most easily to go astray in the outer world. There is an old phrase about being so sharp that one cuts oneself, and that seems to have been Empson's special destiny. How else is it that a writer, once as promising as he should now be remembered only for two or three critical studies — chief among them being *Seven Types of Ambiguity* and *Some Versions of Pastoral*? They may be what are called "seminal" books, but they are not literature.

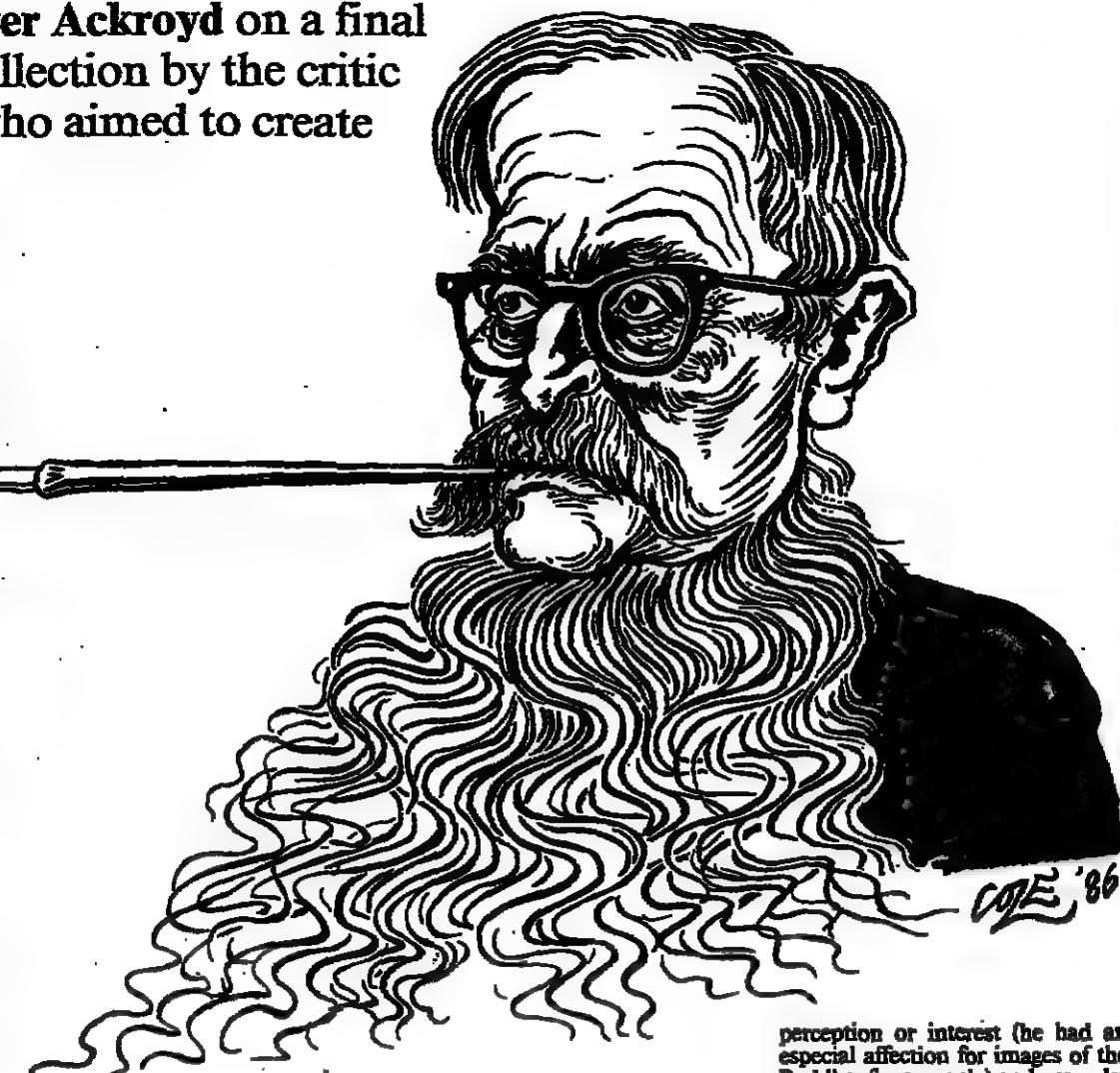
The famous organ of hindsight might also discern danger in the fact that Empson achieved a clear-cut literary success at a very early age; *Seven Types of Ambiguity* itself was published when he was 24, and his best poetry was being written and praised in the same period. In fact much of the material collected here is drawn from those years — his poetry and drama were then as tense as a wire but often as thin, with the

rationale complexity of the born critic manifesting itself. As a result much of his early work now seems jejune and somewhat flat, displaying an intellectual precocity that is fatally aligned with something very close to emotional naivety. Empson was a smart manipulator of language, with a talent for cultural allusion matched only by his instinct for parody and pastiche. This is what one would expect in a clever and highly educated young writer, but these are abilities that have to be transcended or enlarged before any serious work can be done. Empson was a water-diviner of language who stayed upon the surface, finding only a fine spray rather than the hidden springs.

And was it also malign fate which sent him to the Far East? Certainly it is yet another graveyard for the incipient English writer, who often ends up in a kind of cultural no man's land, half estranged from the West, and only half understanding the East. Empson began the longest item in this collection, "The Royal Beasts", during the early part of the Sino-Japanese war when he was lecturing in China. It is an unfinished "fable" concerning a new species of creature, neither human nor animal, and within its mainly didactic and dialectical form one sees again how firmly Empson's writing is dominated by intellectual concerns. It is a book pervaded by purely mental excitement, exhilarating or wearying according to taste; but the example of Aldous Huxley ought to be enough to suggest that such excitement is not in itself enough to animate or direct

Too smart for Art

Peter Ackroyd on a final collection by the critic who aimed to create



fiction. You run the risk of giving the reader a terrible headache.

The same problem besets the last piece here, "The Elephant and the Birds", which is essentially a scenario for a ballet designed to combine Buddhist and Western attitudes in some zoological spectacle. Again Empson is trying desperately to clothe intellectual points or themes, but in the absence of properly dramatic garments, they seem more like scarecrows. The Buddhist elements are not a success; they rarely are in the West where, to put it crudely, Buddhism is generally regarded as a great bore.

But Empson himself was never boring; he was clever, provocative, a

writer distinguished both by the subtlety and by the rigour of his intelligence.

But he was not an artist. He was moved or excited primarily by ideas, where his more creative contemporaries merely exploited them when it was necessary to do so. Empson believed in ideas; someone like Eliot, one of his literary heroes, picked them up for a particular poem or play only to put them down again when they were no longer convenient. Empson seems also to have suffered from the kind of analytical obsessiveness that precludes genuine creative achievement: he set upon a central

perception or interest (he had an especial affection for images of the Buddha, for example) and never let it rest. But this is the enthusiasm of the analyst, or the collector, rather than of the artist.

Of course it could be said that he was cleverer than most creative writers. And yet the melancholy fact remains that it is possible to be too clever to be a properly imaginative artist — to be too self-conscious, too academically parsimonious with language, too aware of the various cultural and historical contexts in which one works, and so on. Empson seems to fall into that special category. It is interesting to examine his previously unseen work; but the most intriguing and significant aspects of this volume are really those of the cautionary tale.

The poet as a sacred monster

NOVEL
of the week

Victoria
Glendinning

LIFE IS
ELSEWHERE
By Milan Kundera
Translated by
Peter Kussi
Faber, £9.95

We keep being given hors d'oeuvres for pudding. When the British reading public has developed a taste for the major works of a foreign author, it is then fed with the minor or early ones; last week it was an early novel by Carlos Fuentes and this week one by Milan Kundera. *Life is Elsewhere*, completed in 1969, has never been published in Czech, the language in which it was written, though it appeared in French and American editions in the 1970s. Kundera is the saddest, funniest, and most lovable of authors, and addicts will grab this book gratefully; newcomers can follow it up at once with *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*.

Life is Elsewhere is the story from birth to his death at 20 of Jaromil, a boy growing up in post-war Prague. He is "the poet" — the romantic, self-absorbed lyric poet on the model of Keats, Shelley, and Rimbaud, talented and sensitive, but in everyday human terms "a monster", with an insatiable longing for admiration and fame, and a fantasy of his own special destiny. Kundera's aim is to work out how such a personality is formed.

"The poet's mother" is a key figure. Disappointed in her longing for "a great love", she transfers her frustrated devotion to the little boy, Jaromil's childish remarks, to his own surprise, are hailed by her as brilliant and original, evidence of his "unique inner world". Exploiting this adulation, he grows up trapped in an "artificial childhood", expecting love to be absolute. He uses other people as "marvelous mirrors"; an expert in emotional blackmail, he requires unconditional surrender from his unfortunate girl friend, "Love is total or it doesn't exist."

Jaromil's poetry is not necessarily bad, but it is self-serving. The lyric poet "squeezes his heart with the same detachment as a housewife squeezing a lemon over her salad." It's easy to see why the book was not published in Czechoslovakia, since when Jaromil, needing a heroic

cause, joins the Party, his immature absolutism finds its natural home. Political slogans intoxicate him as much as his private poetic attitudinizing, and he exploits the oppressive Party line for his own self-indulgent purposes. "The hangman and the poet", says Kundera, are equally implicated in making political totalitarianism possible. The budding poet and his adoring mother create a lampoon of revolutionary romanticism that treats lyric poetry as a species of adolescent neurosis.

But Kundera stresses in his afterword that Jaromil, in all his tragicomic enormity, is not a product of Communism but a universal type. It's true, we've all known someone like "the poet", and he flourishes even in the West. This is why Kundera's fiction is so widely read and appreciated; personal and political tyrannies are related to one another in a painfully convincing way. Kundera, however large his concerns, never loses sight of the isolated individual locked in his own life. As he writes here, apropos of the poet's unhappy mother: "Even during epochs when the storms of history rage, sooner or later the banal, the everyday emerges out of the shadows and the conjugal bed looms huge in its monumental triviality and staggering persistence."

The banal and the everyday trap Jaromil too. He achieves the statutory early death of the romantic hero — by catching a cold.

All things considered, I would rather have Dante Alighieri take my blood pressure than, say, John Keats. Alighieri, like Keats, had a medical training. Unlike Keats, he did not abandon the practice of medicine when he took up the practice of verse. He has been for most of his adult life a doctor as well as a poet. It is a disservice to his integrity to speak of the activities as separate. Dr Alighieri is one man. That one man is a good poet and — I should guess — a good doctor. He has a level way of looking at things, and an honest style in which to tell you the worst:

Not wishing to pronounce the taboo word I used to write, "acid-fast organisms." Earlier physicians noted with a quill, "The animalcules generate their own kind and kill." Some Red, or unwarmed, "Patriotic, King's Evil, Consumption, Koch's Disease." But friend of student days, John Roberts, clowned, "TB I've got. You know what TB signifies? Totally buggered." He laughed. His sister cried. The music of sound is the sound of music.

With its mixture of the high and the low, the lyrical and the conversational, as well as for the hard-won but never obtrusive

Healing disease of verse

POETRY
Robert Nye

skill with which it imbues the two modes, this is thoroughly typical of the work in Alighieri's latest collection *Ask the Bloody Horse* (Hodgson & Lothman, £3.95), a Poetry Book Society Choice. This is an immediately attractive and readable book, packed with the stuff of real life seen at a slight angle of originality. If Alighieri has a fault it lies perhaps in a tendency to tame the bloody horse of his inspiration in the interest of assuring us of the merits of his own humanism. Poetry is not exactly medicine, any more than it is altogether a disease. I could wish for a touch more wildness from the good doctor.

Beneath a fabricated and clever surface the poems in Anthony Howell's *Why I May Never See the Walls of China* (Auril, £10.95, paperback £5.95) are as wild as they come. Here is a younger poet capable of looking at intense

feelings through a splendidly literate quizzing-glass of wit. Howell's insistence on poetry as a game with rules can be liberating and inspiring only when set beside the antics of some of his contemporaries, still self-addicted to language as a dead-end.

Now this might seem a curious way of reading a poet who has been praised (and rightly so) for his powers of abstraction, of being (as he says himself) one of those talented moderns/Who begin from nothing... Perhaps so, but I think it is worth noting that Howell says this in a piece entitled "Love Poem", a piece as passionate as it is playful and all the more awkwardly impressive for that reason. *Why I May Never See the Walls of China* is in the best sense a ceremonial book. Each poem in it is a ceremony. And the ceremonies do not celebrate the poet so much as they celebrate certain emotional and intellectual landscapes that collectively may be taken for the geography of poetry itself. Best of all, this most accomplished explorer is driven by an awareness that his maps can never tell the whole story;

Among reptilian roots, Between the spent reptiles of locusts Clinging to puce trunks She enters the imagination of the Old Masters.

Life is so strange in South America that there are those who say Gabriel Garcia Marquez, its greatest writer, has invented nothing; that he has merely toddled out into the streets with his tape-recorder and turned it on.

By way of illustration, such harpies could brandish with profit *The Story of a Shipwrecked Sailor*. It was with this short "journalistic reconstruction", written in Dickensian instalments nearly thirty years ago, that Marquez made his name as a journalist. The unforeseen reverberations from his interview with Luis Alejandro Velasco were responsible for his leaving Colombia (thereby giving him the exile's distance to write *One Hundred Years of Solitude*). Though he professes in his preface not to see the usefulness of publishing the story in book form, it nevertheless makes for a stimulating foreword to his own fiction. For, popping up in Randolph Hogan's fine translation long after the event, this bottled piece of journalism has developed a significance of its own while adrift on the waves.

It is the tale told not by a shipwrecked sailor, but by one who in February 1955 fell overboard a Colombian destroyer. Surviving ten days without food and water, Velasco scrambled ashore in

The scoop that was stranger almost than the later fiction

FICTION

Nicholas
Shakespeare

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Marquez
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Hamish Hamilton, £9.95

CAN'T BUY ME
LOVE

By Michael Estorick
Duckworth, £9.95

his own country where, kissed by beauty queens and decorated by the military dictatorship, he was made into a brief hero. Deliberately, and, as Marquez puts it, courageously dynamiting his own statue, Velasco then sought the author to narrate the true story: that the destroyer was so weighed down with illegal contraband it could not rescue those swept overboard; that "I did nothing heroic. All my efforts went toward saving myself." In this tropical world, as Marquez shows in manipulating the narrative for his own ends, truth can emerge only through the honest lies of fiction. And in the end, faintly echoing Hemingway, Coleridge, and Delefo, fiction is how this gripping tale of survival reads.

Buffeted by sharks, so tortured with thirst that even the thought of gull's blood makes him salivate, Velasco drifts under the metallic sun, vacillating between hope and despair, between open-eyed clarity of vision and the wider eyes of barking madness. If, as Marquez admits, the drifting raft resembles his own exile,

the destroyer that abandoned it, corrupted by foreign and contraband freight, might be seen as Colombia. While the fiction/journalism is worth reading, like everything this man writes, it is a pity that we do not also have as an afterword the critical study of Mario Vargas Llosa, whose work on Marquez remains sadly untranslated.

of the frictions in a close Jewish family.

Most convincing is the portrait of the unpleasantly selfish central character, Simon. He has the money and the time to be self-obsessed. Less fascinated in finishing his thesis than in our class system, he alternates between the desire to belong — i.e. to be an English gentleman — and the taking of pride in what he imagines prevents him — i.e. his Jewish ancestry. Estorick (the author of a book on the claim to the Dukedom of Leinster) becomes very contrived when he attempts to harness these two strains in an implausible story about a claim to the Earldom of Eversley.

End of '77, by Richard Sheridan (Chatto & Windus, £9.95). Sheridan shows himself to be streetwise in his first novel, set in druggy, punk-rock Chelsea; but he portrays a street one does not care to amble down. His characters range from a National Front brute to a female DJ on the sniff for a child. Much else is sniffed and snorted beside, with the result that *End of '77* smacks of a man on a bad trip. Sheridan's narrative strands drift like separate columns of acid smoke until they disappear altogether. Looking about for the main character to interpret them, one finds him keeled over, sloppy with Special Brew — and snoring.

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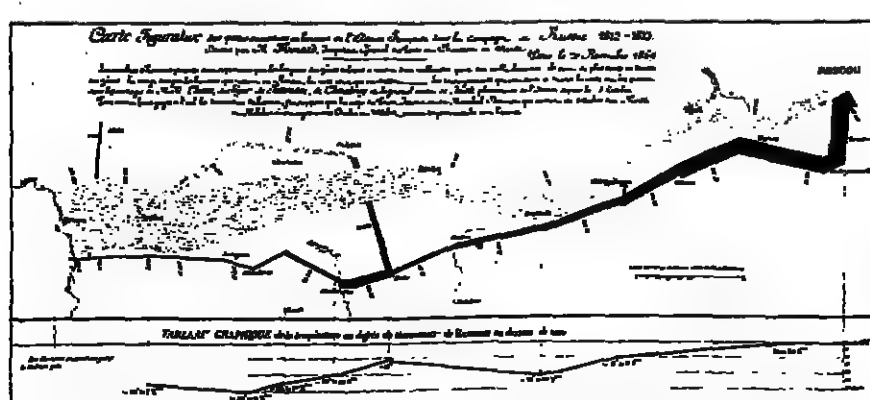
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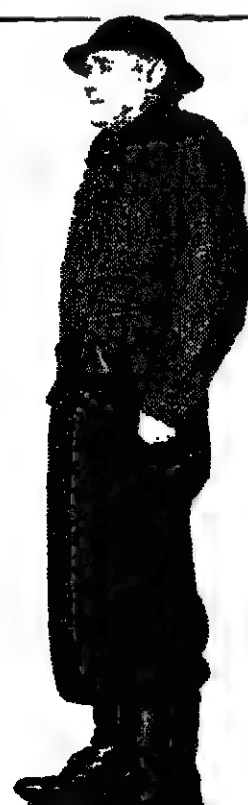
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Golden silence

Jim Callaghan, who has decided not to stand again at the next election, already seems to be rehearsing for retirement with an uncharacteristic reticence about Labour Party policy. On Tuesday night at an education and training seminar at Westminster Conference Centre he told his audience of 2,000 that he would answer questions on any topic save those of the party's defence policy and what he termed "the dirty left." A far cry from his stance at the 1983 election, when he helped Michael Foot down the road to defeat with his unsolicited critique of unilateralism.

● Publishers John Wiley and Sons have just sent out invitations to a buffet lunch at the Cheddar Cheese in Fleet Street to launch a new book. Its title: *Alcohol and Accident*.

Stock answer

Aware of the potential of public humiliation, judges in Oregon are now asking criminals to publicize their contribution in newspaper advertisements. The *Washington Post* cites a recent example, which opens engagingly: "I apologize to the citizens of Newport for my improper business dealings in connection with the Jump-Off Joe condominiums." Meanwhile, two Oklahoma judges are encouraging — as a term of probation for drunk drivers — the display of bumper stickers advertising the conviction. It will not surprise me if such deterrent measures spread to Britain; transport minister Peter Bottomley already sounds interested. Yesterday, although he suggested that court reports in the local press already did much of the job of publicizing convictions, he asked me to forward him a copy of the *Post* article. I await his findings with interest.

Chiffoning out

Will the Princess of Wales be committing a sartorial gaffe when she gets to Saudi Arabia? The kingdom operates a strict ban on goods made or sold by Jews and Jewish firms; yet to make up a special wardrobe for her visit, the Princess turned to, among others, Jewish designers Victor Edelstein, Jacques Azagury and the Emanuel. Saudi matrons get round the problem by cutting out the labels from their Marks and Spencer tops. I do hope the princess takes similar action.

● I learn that the goalkeeper of Bordeaux Town football club is named Dropsy. Whether this has relevance to his lack of handling ability or to the effects of the local wind, I hesitate to say.

Senior service

Professor Heinz Wolff of Brunel University, compere of television's *Great Egg Race*, diverted an audience at the Café Royal in London yesterday with a few thoughts on how we should look after our ever-growing number of pensioners — 10 million at the last count. Products that aid weakening muscles should be sold through Mothercare-style shops called, he suggested, Granzycare. As to the question of how our elders should be addressed, he rejected "silver-tops" and "wrinkles" in favour of "super-adults", for which I applaud him.

BARRY FANTONI



It's good to see one member of the family being decisive about 1987

Rara avis

The British Trust for Ornithology has supplied unusually detailed biographical notes about speakers at its forthcoming conference. Indeed, I suggest, we are told too much about one of them: Richard Porter, head of Species Protection at the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. "Richard has just ordered a Morgan and his stockbroker lives in Peterborough," says the blurb.

Excessive

Charlotte Bathurst of Cirencester writes to tell me of another airborne sighting of the extraordinary Joan Rivers (PMS Nov 10). She accompanied the entire Rivers family first class to Los Angeles, as had I, their habit of taking two seats apiece. The family made a swift getaway on landing, using two wheelchairs to transport their copious luggage. Mrs Bathurst, by contrast, suffered a two-hour delay through customs, and then discovered that her case had disappeared along with the Rivers' 26 pieces. The Rivers' chauffeur brought it to her hotel that night. "Moral," writes Mrs B, "if you hear that Joan Rivers is on a flight, switch to another."

PHS

There were no surprises in yesterday's Queen's Speech, and that is how the government would like it to stay. We learned as much from what was not in the speech as from what it contained.

There was no mention, for example, of the plan to privatize the water authorities. There was no mention of the government's intention eventually to relax the licensing laws. No risks are to be taken with that sort of issue this session after the ignominious failure of the plan to liberalize Sunday shopping announced in last year's programme.

There is no wish this year to stir up the pressure groups. Even the planned new bill on copyright law, involving the controversial levy on blank tapes, has been dropped despite a desperate rear-guard action by the Trade Secretary, Paul Channon, to keep it in. There are no legislative plans to follow up the Peacock Committee's recommendations on the BBC. The legislation on reform of the House of Lords is confined strictly to the Lords, for whom it is potentially far more popular after rating revaluations.

Boat rocking radicalism is also out of fashion. The ideologues have been shoved unceremoniously back into the shadows in the name of consolidation. This is the programme of a government planning a "let us finish the job" election campaign — not so light-weight as to allow the opposition to claim that it is a mere paper exercise but not so heavyweight either that a few of its bills could not be jettisoned if an early election beckoned without the electorate feeling cheated.

Above all it is a Queen's Speech designed to ensure an untroubled

Robin Oakley, Political Editor, analyses yesterday's Speech from the Throne

A programme with both eyes on an election

parliamentary session which will leave the government looking in control of events. Ministers do not believe that the Conservative recovery in the opinion polls owes everything to the Alliance hash on defence. They reckon that it owes nearly as much to the lull in parliamentary activity during the Commons recess and the absence of any more Westland and Land Rover rows.

The Criminal Evidence Bill leads the list of 19 bills. It is, of course, just the right time to re-establish the Tory credentials as the law and order party after Labour's sustained assault on the crime figures had begun to reflect in the polls. The bill implements many of the Roskill Committee's recommendations on fraud trials too, enabling the government to soothe middle-class consciences by demonstrating that it is not just after the muggers but the City parasites too.

And with its provisions allowing children to give evidence in sex and assault cases by direct

video link it reflects the growing public concern about the increase in crime against children.

John Patten, the Housing Minister, gets the chance to demonstrate the switch in emphasis from the rights of would-be homeowners to those of tenants with a bill to improve protection for those who live in privately-owned blocks of flats. The Channel Tunnel Bill and the Dartford Tunnel Bill, both projects to be built with private money, will underline the government's new concern with employment-providing infrastructure works.

The rest of the programme will be dominated by local government legislation and by education. The long promised reform of domestic rates will start with a bill to abolish rates in Scotland, replacing them with a community charge payable by all over 18. When the opposition refers at election time to those off-repeated promises by Mrs Thatcher and her party to do away with rates they will at least be able to point north

of the border and say that the process has begun.

It falls to Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, to maintain the Tory themes of taking excessive policies out of local government and providing better value for money for ratepayers. His Local Government Bill will force councils to put out to competitive tender such services as refuse collection, street cleaning and catering and it will prevent the imposition by councils of unfair non-commercial conditions on private companies tendering for local authority contracts (for example penalizing those also involved in South Africa).

Some senior Tories believe that a good parliamentary performance by Ridley between now and the next election could win him the Chancellor's post in the next parliament. First, though, he has to demonstrate his political skills by heading off a potentially dangerous revolt by shire county Tories over the distribution of this year's rate support grant.

The Home Secretary, Douglas Hurd, will steer the Criminal Justice Bill through the Commons with David Mellor, the Home Office Minister, playing a major role. Given such an opportunity, Mellor could talk his way into the Cabinet in the next parliament. For Hurd, and for the even more high profile Kenneth Baker, Education Secretary, there is an even more exciting prize to play for in the post-election and eventually post-Thatcher years while some of their rivals have less chance to show off their talents. That may add a little spice to an otherwise bland government programme.

Ronald Butt

No boost — just urgent repairs

There is much that the public does not like about the government's performance. Most of Mrs Thatcher's supporters had supposed that once the worst of the inflationary threat to social stability had been overcome there would be a return to better standards generally, and that the shortcomings in the essential (the qualifying adjective is all important) public services would be repaired. That has not yet been possible. Opinion polls which test reactions on particular social issues therefore reflect the public's discontent.

Yet the responses to questions about voting intentions leave no doubt that the priority for most people is that Labour should not get in. The Conservatives have drawn at least level with Labour and are if anything slightly ahead; the Alliance has lost support, at least partly because of many people's reluctance to cast votes which might help Labour. Most people reject socialism. They want a system of popular capitalism and increased scope for private state management. But they also want well run public services and public support for those who genuinely need it.

It is in this context that we should consider Nigel Lawson's autumn announcement of public spending increases of some £4.5 billion for 1987/88 and £5.5 billion in the following year. This could have begun a process of reassurance about the quality of essential public services. Instead it has been assumed from Lawson's refusal to write his hands, and from the direction of the Opposition's attack, that he is a pure opportunist who, for electioneering purposes, has increased public spending simply to get a consumer boom going by boosting spending power.

This does not stand up to logical analysis. First, if the Treasury's forecasts are correct (and the recent record suggests they are) there will be no increase in public sector borrowing over the £7 billion target. Still more relevantly, what this means is that borrowing will be kept at 1.4 per cent of gross domestic product, that is, at a slightly smaller proportion of GDP than at present. If that happens, the statement will not lead to a new spending boom; though even if there were such a boom, it would not be in time for a June or even an autumn election.

Secondly, even if boosting the economy with an election-winning consumer boom were the object of the exercise, this particular Chancellor or Prime Minister would do it not through public spending but by cutting the standard rate of tax to 25 per cent. Tax cuts, however, will be inhibited by the spending cuts. Lawson specifically told the Commons that he would not allow the public spending increase to affect his fiscal policy (of keeping tax cuts within what can be afforded in public borrowing terms). No chancellor could make that statement and abandon it without giving dangerous hostages.

Besides, the expected 3 per cent growth rate is not principally

hinged on a consumer boom. It is a result principally of the improvement in exports and manufacturing. Consumption is expected to continue at about present levels; if anything, the Treasury thinks, it may even be a little less.

The reason for these increases is, of course, the obvious one that certain public services imperatively need the money to overcome their immediate difficulties. It is needed for education (to sort out that sorry scene at last before the public loses patience), for health and for social security priorities. In a society where those in work prosper increasingly, there comes a point at which it is no longer tolerable for essential public services to be substandard. That point has now been reached. The government has to meet people's long-held post-inflation expectations.

But it may be said that improving the public services is also electioneering, and of course it does reflect the government's democratic response to what people want (which is that public services should not suffer further, even for tax cuts). But in the crudest sense it cannot buy votes. People do not vote on the announcement of abstract expenditure figures. They may vote on the condition of schools or hospital wards, but it will take time for the figures to affect these. The government's problem is that it has allowed a false image of its actions to be created. It has been supposed that it has been cutting public spending in real terms over years. But it hasn't. Now it is supposed that it is expanding spending when what is actually happening is that it is increasing spending less fast.

All this, however, points to the problem which the Conservatives must clearly undertake to solve. Public service increases of the kind we have seen this week are simply short-term measures to stop further deterioration. The fact that essential services are seen as having deteriorated over the years in which the government has actually failed to cut spending overall only means that public money is spread too thinly over the inessential and the wasteful as well as the vital. The structure of welfare spending remains a hotchpotch of the good, the bad, the necessary and the ridiculous, all bundled up together in a total which the nation can only afford if the essential services are deprived of money to pay for those that are inessential.

The Tories' clear criterion for the next parliament should be that the state should only do what is necessary, but that what it does should be done well, and should be well financed. However, finance is raised. This government's greatest failure is that it has not tackled the structure of the welfare state and has produced no new priorities. Until it does, the public will never be satisfied with what the state delivers and governments will always be pressed dangerously to spend more or accused of starving good causes. If the state decides it must perform a function, it must perform it well.

moreover... Miles Kington

And every car an espresso

During a weekend visit to Rome I noticed something not mentioned in the guide books. In the ancient part of the city there is a long, thin grassy space called the Circus Maximus where the chariot racing used to take place. The peculiar thing is that it is now the only part of Rome where serious chariot racing does not take place.

In other words, I spent the weekend watching the Roman traffic go by. That is not what I went there for, nor is it what anyone goes there for, but it is what we all end up doing. Not so much simply to stay alive, though that is part of it, but because it is so very exciting, because in the hands of the Italians driving becomes a daring art of improvisation, instant reactions and getting through gaps that most people would not dare to attempt.

For Britons driving is a dull duty, for the Italians it is an adventure. If you venture on to a British pedestrian crossing, cars will either stop politely or knock you over, unseeing, and on a French crossing you get the feeling that the drivers are out to kill you; but on an Italian crossing your impression is that the drivers aim to miss you by as little as possible, like a torero with a bull.

This presumably explains why Roman cars have far fewer wing mirrors than ours do. My private poll reveals that 95 per cent of British vehicles still have wing mirrors; in Rome, the figure is about 50 per cent. And when they park, they tend to fold their wing mirrors neatly against the side of the car, knowing that otherwise they may not be there when they come back. They also prefer serials with springs at the base, so that the serial will spring back into position after hitting something — I saw a police car in the Campo dei Fiori drive under a large parasol and let this happen.

Italian drivers take their driving more seriously than we do, but their cars less seriously. Above all, they do not observe such a hard and fast distinction between cars and people as we do. For an Italian driver, a pedestrian is just another form of traffic, a threat and a rival

but also a fellow artist. When the crowds are out for their evening stroll along the Via del Corso, there sometimes comes a full in the traffic, a space without cars, and then the crowds sweep out into the street and take it over. The next driver to arrive is not surprised to find them there. He simply starts the patient job of colonising the road for traffic again.

In London pedestrians are expected to keep to the pavement. In Rome this is out of the question, because the pavements are already covered with parked cars, so the people go on the street and the cars go on the pavement — indeed, in many Roman streets there is no distinction whatever between roadway and pavement, and none exists in the drivers' minds either.

One of the small pleasures of a weekend in Rome is sitting at a pavement cafe by the Pantheon, on Sunday evening, and watching what seems to be a slow traffic jam roll by. When you see the same cars come past for the second or third time, you suddenly realize it's not a jam at all, it's an evening parade.

The drivers and passengers are eyeing you, and you are eyeing them, and you are simultaneously audience and performer, and if you are a couple of girls in the cafe, and the drivers like the look of you, the occupants of the car will magically appear in the cafe two minutes later. Driving in Rome is also an evening stroll carried on by other means.

All roads lead to Rome, they say, but all roads in Rome seem to lead nowhere, which is why I suppose there is serious talk of banning traffic from the inner city. As someone who dislikes cars, I should applaud that, yet I find it much harder to dislike cars in Rome. Just before I left on Monday I watched a man trying to get his car into a space which was actually shorter than the car. He managed to get it in diagonally. At that point a British driver would drive off to look for another space. The Roman jumped out and left the car parked diagonally, disdainfully. That's style for you.

James Eberle on the urgent need for an international commitment

Who shall we join for a sure place in space?



Government ministers will shortly be asked to consider the future shape of the British space programme. That future is not simply a matter of what makes sense for Britain. The space business, inherently international, the development of space technologies depends on international collaboration, and the regulation of the use of space, both military and civil, depends on international agreement. A decision will soon have to be reached on whether Europe will accept President Reagan's invitation to co-operate in designing and building, together with Japan and Canada, a space station for the 1990s.

For these reasons, the Royal Institute of International Affairs is currently undertaking an investigation of the international dimension to British space policy; and with sister institutes in other European countries is conducting a joint study on the future of European space policy. More than 80 per cent of the government-funded investment in civil space is, at the moment, spent through the European Space Agency.

What, then, are the factors which British ministers should take into account in reaching their decision? Our European friends say that we, the British, need to take an imaginative leap forward. Space technology is important and will become more important. Direct and indirect applications will, in the longer term, have a profound effect upon our economies, our cultures and our security. There is already fierce intercontinental competition to develop and market space launch capabilities, particularly in the light of the US space shuttle disaster, not only in the US, the USSR and Europe, but also, strikingly, Japan and China.

No individual European country has the resources or the capability to keep up in the space race. Only through collective effort has Western Europe a chance of making a significant impact. An

active space policy is a necessary attribute of a country or group of countries which aspires to serious international influence. So the argument runs.

The difficulty is that this is not the way in which space policy has been viewed, typically and historically, in Britain. Space activities have been seen as the purview of the military superpowers, with British interests being pursued peripherally by a small number of enthusiastic scientists and a few industrialists, and intermittently by defence experts. The commercial success of some of our major aerospace companies in the manufacture of communication satellites has received scant attention. In terms of public policy and public expenditure, space has had no special "clout" in competing with many other claimants for attention and investment.

Decisions have often depended on narrow and short-term "on balance" arguments. Thus we have avoided a choice of whether to "get into" space or to "get out of" space by continuing to dabble in the space business without showing any significant government commitment to it.

If Britain continues in this over-cautious vein, our European friends tell us, we risk becoming the "also rans" users of space technology, not producers, with

little influence in determining future patterns of international collaboration, and dependent on the priorities of our partners, both in Europe and across the Atlantic.

In January this year, the government took a small but most welcome step forward in establishing the British National Space Centre to provide a focus for co-ordinating British space activities. Instead of relying on the sum of the separate interests of individual government departments, BNSC was charged with producing a coherent overview in consultation with the widening interest in space of industry and the universities.

The aims were to ensure both that the civil space activities are looked at in the round and — crucially — their integration with the needs of the military space programme. We also need to review the balance between our national space effort and our international commitments. Roy Gibson, the Director of BNSC, and his colleagues have worked hard to produce a coherent strategy upon which the government can base a space policy.

We need to be clear that the future of the British space programme now rests on a strategic choice. It is a strategic choice with major implications, both military and civilian. The pace of technical change will not readily allow us to

continue dabbling and to have another look in five years' time. The economic and technological drive of other governments' space programmes will not pause while we have second or third thoughts. Crucial European and international negotiations will take place in 1987. Britain must assess our future space programme in relation to the likely important impact of space on international relations and so the future "cutting edge" of technology, not just on the narrow criteria of the current situation and the costs of the investment.

We cannot proceed alone. We thus have to be clear about our preferred partners for collaboration. On the civilian side, our small contribution has been firmly in the European Space Agency's basket. This needs to be reinforced. On the military side, we have favoured a mix of national, Anglo-American and Nato programmes. However, our leading European partners, especially the French and Germans, are now actively discussing the development of both military and civil applications of space on a joint European basis. We need to join them.

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Peter Evans on the tensions that can lead to Peterhead-style hostage taking

When the prison system fails

who had banded together for protection.

These groupings show the nature of the forces with which officers have to cope. Tribal groupings, for instance, have sometimes played a part in riots as prisoners banded together to share out contraband or to defend themselves against a higher proportion of hard men than the prison service has ever before had to cope with. This, along with drugs and the pressure of increased numbers, is one reason why the old system of order by consensus is breaking down.

Prison officers, faced with withdrawal from close contact. They cannot then sensitively gauge the institutional mood. It is easy enough to sense trouble if more inmates report sick or if there are more petty annoyances. But there are other subtler signs — the tone of voice, uncharacteristic brusqueness, avoidance of contact — which escape notice.

The trouble is that staff putting themselves in close contact with prisoners may think themselves at risk, particularly in some of the more modern prisons which do

not provide the kind of oversight of the Victorian prisons. And the risk is not only to staff. Inmates were taken hostage in eight of the 11 incidents of last year (the other three involved staff, a patient in an outside hospital and, in one case, the perpetrator's visitors).

Dr Stephen Shaw, director of the Prison Reform Trust, finds it significant that all maximum security prisons in England and Wales except for Frankland, near Durham, which was recently completed, and Long Lartin, near Evesham, have had riots. Long Lartin provides a clue, its regime is said to be more relaxed than most with a closer relationship between prisoners and staff and with more for inmates to do.

The object of the hostage taking or riot may be to draw attention to some grievance, apparently petty when seen from the outside world. But inside prisons small issues are magnified. Publicity can also be a stimulus. The newly appointed governor of Wymott Prison, Barry Coombs, believes that the four hours of trouble at Wymott prison in May blew up after the 10 pm news which reported incidents at other prisons. Tensions hearing the

bulletin decided to stage their own riot.

What should be done when hostages are taken? Much depends on the nature of the hostage-taker. If he is a deranged, a frontal attack using CS gas may be the only hope. If he is not, then the lessons learnt from sieges round the world and compiled for use in this country can be applied. Generally, the authorities lower the temperature by quiet talk and displays of understanding. The hostage and hostage-taker may, by the spinning out of time, develop such a bond that danger is reduced.

Once the crisis is over, a peculiar problem arises. What punishment can be imposed upon people who, after all, are already in prison? According to the Home Office yesterday, prisoners could be charged in the courts if the alleged offence was serious. That would be a matter for the police. In January 1984, for example, a remand prisoner who went berserk in Wornwood Scrubs and held an assistant governor at razor point for four hours was jailed at the Old Bailey for two years.

Otherwise, for serious disciplinary offences within prisons, the Board of Visitors could order forfeiture of privileges; exclusion from associated work not exceeding 56 days; stoppage of earnings not exceeding 56 days; confinement to cells not exceeding 56 days; and forfeiture of remission not exceeding 180 days. These may not seem draconian, but they make the monotony of prison life still more unpalatable.

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ULSTER ONE YEAR LATER

The Anglo-Irish Agreement, signed by Britain and the Republic of Ireland at Hillsborough a year ago this week, is besieged from all sides. It is assailed both for the theory enshrined in the document and for the practice of the last twelve months.

This assault, which will reach its peak this weekend, has scared some politicians into backing away from the agreement altogether. Mr Charles Haughey, odds-on favourite to be Irish Prime Minister by this time next year, has renewed his threat to change (and, in the process, to destroy) the agreement. The British Labour Party has recently begun to sound lukewarm. The British Cabinet, which never showed much inclination towards a collective defence of its Northern Ireland policy, has left Mr Tom King and his team to battle on alone.

True, a number of serious charges can be levelled against the agreement. It is a document intended, in the long term, to promote peace and stability, yet it has resulted in increased tension and violence in the short term. The devolution of administrative powers to a provincial government involving both communities is now a sufficiently remote prospect that it is rarely mentioned by any of the ministers responsible for implementing the agreement.

Far from concentrating the mind of unionism on the future, the agreement has both driven unionist politicians to a defensive recitation of traditional pieties and plunged them into ever greater chaos and internal disagreement. The declarations on the constitutional security of Northern Ireland in the document have failed to persuade, particularly in the light of the continuing claim to Northern Ireland in the constitution of the Republic. And widespread resentment remains over the imposition of the agreement

without prior consultation with unionist representatives.

Lastly, the critics allege, it has not led to any great improvement in the electoral performance of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, the principal political beneficiaries of the agreement inside Northern Ireland. Aside from gaining a parliamentary seat in the January by-elections, its by-election performance against the Provisional IRA's Sinn Féin has been no stronger than before. Moreover, the SDLP inside its own community has concentrated on its impatience with the pace of reform while it has presented a triumphalist and sectarian face to its opponents.

All these criticisms have considerable force. But they also neglect some important Ulster realities. In the heat and noise of political debate about the future of Northern Ireland, a simple fact which confronts any British government is frequently overlooked. An armed conspiracy with no democratic mandate whatsoever aims to expel British government from the province. It is the foremost responsibility of any government to defeat this threat.

That cannot be achieved without the help of governments in the Republic which will not be given without some concessions to the southern concern for the Roman Catholic minority in the north. It is not easy for governments to admit as much in these stark terms, but convincing other countries to catch and imprison more terrorists can only be done by persuasion, and when that is exhausted, by leverage. The Anglo-Irish Agreement is that leverage.

That the agreement was flawed is not in doubt. It does not follow that it should be dismantled or even suspended. To do so would be to hand the Provisional IRA one of the most eloquent symbols of the British government's impotence. They could have de-

sired. Unionists (who would also rejoice at this impotence) refuse to confront this glaring defect in their talk of suspending or bringing down the agreement. Constancy in this is not a matter of government machismo, but an integral part of the fight against terrorism.

But the government should not rule out reasonable political concessions to reasonable criticism. It should, for instance, try to separate the question of the internal government of the province as far as possible from reassurance about its constitutional future. One of the gaps in the agreement has been the absence of any pressure on the parties in the Republic to alter the claim to the north written into Articles Two and Three of the constitution. This claim is incompatible with the spirit, if not the letter, of the agreement. It might help to assuage unionist fears, therefore, if the government were to consider reconstituting the border poll (asking residents of Northern Ireland whether they wish to continue inside the United Kingdom).

Above all, Ministers could and should try to avoid the impression that the institutions set up by the agreement are a closed and self-contained system. While negotiations with unionist leaders seem unlikely to take place in the foreseeable future, the government should make clear what could be on offer: greater scrutiny of Westminster legislation, additional ministerial posts or deliberative bodies.

In time it might be necessary for the government to go over the heads of political leaders to constituents. They may be more ready than their leaders to accept that the agreement does not threaten their interests. The present danger is that if the mechanisms of the agreement shrink any further, they will live on as nothing more than an intergovernmental committee on security cooperation.

AND TOXIC FLOWS THE RHINE

The death by pollution of one of Europe's major waterways, however temporary it proves to be, is a cause for deep concern. The contamination of the Rhine will cost the countries through which it flows large sums of money. It will set back by many years a largely successful operation to clean up the Rhine. According to some, a decade of work has been reduced to nothing.

Not only was the accident at the Basle chemical plant not prevented, despite safety standards which are (if they are enforced) acknowledged to be among the most stringent in the world. The Swiss authorities also failed to acknowledge or inform other Rhineland countries of the risks until the appearance of dead fish in the water brought the accident to their notice.

Switzerland holds a unique position in the continent of Europe. Its political neutrality and its exemption from many of the regulations which govern relations between European states have benefits which extend beyond Switzerland. They make Switzerland an acceptable venue for delicate diplomacy. They facilitate international exchanges which would otherwise not be possible.

They have also made Switzerland rich.

At the same time, its geographical position in the heart of Europe obliges it to observe certain standards and the wealth it derives from its international status provides it with the means to observe them. Last week's chemical accident which now threatens the pollution not only of the Rhine, but of parts of the North Sea as well, and the initially cavalier presentation of it by the Swiss authorities suggests that they may not be sufficiently careful of their position.

Switzerland has a reputation as one of the cleanest and most orderly countries in the world, and it has jealously guarded this reputation. For some years it has registered complaints with its neighbours about the potential damage of air pollution from their heavy industry and sought reciprocal agreements. Now Switzerland finds itself in the dock.

It is, of course, difficult for a democracy which distributes many decisions to private enterprise to ensure that all the rules and regulations, even where they relate to safety of people and the environment,

are observed all the time by everyone. It must be the responsibility of the individual company to ensure that the relevant authorities are informed of any serious accident expeditiously, so that those affected can take the necessary measures in time.

On this occasion, it appears that either the plant or the Swiss authorities, or both, were remiss in their conduct after the accident. Yesterday's offer by the Swiss government to provide compensation to the countries affected and its pledge to tighten its existing regulations governing chemical plants go some way to make amends. And whether information about the pollution would have been supplied more quickly if Switzerland had been a signatory to existing European agreements on environmental matters must be a moot point. But a written commitment might at least have clarified Switzerland's obligations.

As the Chernobyl disaster showed, the environmental effects of accidents respect no frontiers. And in ecological terms, if not politically, Switzerland is part of Europe. It would do no harm to have that recognition in writing.

CENTRES OF DEVELOPMENT

Regional policy — once an anathema to Mrs Thatcher's government — now has a new lease of life. It is different life than before. With the right local and national will, it may also be a more active one.

There is no return to the belief that Britain's decaying industrial areas can usefully be restored by palliative subsidies. There is instead a growing acceptance that concentrated action is needed to sweep away specific areas of dereliction and to help regenerate centres capable of generating their own expansion. The process of conversion is as proper a use of public money as unending subsidy to prop up failure is a waste.

Centrally run development programmes are, indeed, a notable feature of economies famed for unfettered private enterprise such as Hong Kong, and to some extent Singapore. Their governments spend a large proportion of small budgets reclaiming land, building roads or docks and installing communications systems. They use their powers of land ownership in order to create attractive environments.

A change of thinking, and not simply an awareness of the wasting disease of inner city decay, lies behind the Government's enthusiasm for urban development corporations.

The Queen's speech yesterday confirmed the announcement by Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary at the Conservative Party conference that four new urban development boards in the North and Midlands are to be added to the existing London Docklands and Merseyside boards.

The two original boards, with powers to buy land, improve it then let it to developers who can avoid red tape, were partly a response to the laggard arguments within and between overlapping local authorities. This often seemed to prevent action even when all agreed it was needed.

Three of the four new boards are within areas of previous metropolitan counties. Quangos appointed by central government might seem inferior to local organization of local effort, but local government failed in the cities whereas the new town corpora-

tions, on which the urban corporations are chiefly modelled, succeeded by having a simple achievable brief.

Success in the cities is by no means guaranteed. London Docklands, an area of dereliction near the centre of a vital expanding city, has already gained an unstoppable momentum. Some £275 million of government grants has long been overtaken by £1.1 billion of commitments by private developers on Development Board land.

Merseyside is a different story. Mr Michael Heseltine's efforts in Liverpool have made Merseyside a more attractive place for industry. But the £128 million of grants to the Merseyside Board have yet to stimulate anything like the response from private developers seen in London's docklands.

The new boards will have to operate under conditions much closer to Merseyside than to those of the London's docklands. But the prospects for the newly defined areas — and the areas around them — is undoubtedly improved.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alternative view of Nott's seascape

From Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach

Sir, John Nott's curious and dogmatic article on defence strategy (November 6) makes a number of assertions which are stark in their misinterpretation of maritime affairs. This is unfortunate for a trading island nation dependent for more than 90 per cent of its essential imports and exports on the free use of the sea. To balance the perspective, here is an alternative view.

Perhaps the most surprising part of the article is its vicious and unsubstantiated attack on the Navy. It is, of course, true that the strategic imperatives of 1986 point in much the same direction as those of 1981. What is not true is that these bear any relation to the more extravagant absurdities of the Defence Review in the latter year.

Had it not been for the Falklands War, which demonstrated publicly much of what the professionals had been advising but which Sir John did not want to hear, we would today have an emasculated Fleet on a steep slope to obsolescence. What a pity it took a short sharp war, with all its loss of life, to get the message through.

To contend that we cannot afford two operational carriers and to castigate task forces (which, of course, comprise air and ground force elements as appropriate) is to display a degree of professional ignorance astonishing in an ex-Defence Secretary.

On the former, previous holders of the post (of both main political parties) agreed that the concept of two ASW (anti-submarine warfare) carriers operational, with a third in refit, was the most cost-effective method of achieving the

required level of anti-submarine defence. A task force is merely a grouping of relevant capabilities to provide mutual support. It is a concept proved in peace and war and adopted by every sizeable navy in the world.

I have no nostalgia for empire, but I am alert to the need for responsible interpretation of that article of the North Atlantic Treaty which limits the Nato area to the Tropic of Cancer in the context of "an attack on one is an attack on all". Potential enemies vigorously exert their influence outside this arbitrary line. If we over-indulge in short-term convenience and fail to pull our weight in exerting ours we shall wake up one day to a communist world. The United States cannot and will not do it all.

I am grateful to Sir John for his generous tribute to my contribution to the Falklands War. But it might have been more relevant if he had instanced the positive advice on the military feasibility of such an operation, with its attendant risk, which I was able to give the Prime Minister.

Suez may have been in the forefront of the minds of her more hesitant advisers; the destruction of Prince of Wales and Repulse for lack of air support off Malaya in 1941 was in the background of mine.

Those who give reasonable thought to the future of our great country — which is still great and will remain so if we take the trouble to keep it that way — I ask not to reject the sea so lightly. It is important.

Yours faithfully,
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November 9.

Staff spending in NHS

From Mr P. F. Plumley

Sir, The content and the tone of the article by Mr Sherman (November 5) is a totally incorrect representation of the influence of doctors and nurses on health service spending.

The senior staff in the health service have been well aware of direct cost of treatment during the whole existence of the NHS, since every penny has to be fought for. This is, however, a small item in the total expenditure of a vast organization.

The pattern of this spending is determined by the administration of the NHS, directed by the minister, and frequently runs counter to the advice given by senior doctors and nurses. The present Administration is trying to make with great difficulty and expense the years of increasing involvement of the health service management in projects not directly related to patient care.

Most of this industrial base has been constructed in the false hope that it would save money. The huge involvement of the NHS in housing has taken place because NHS staff are not well enough paid to compete in the open market and are still in tied houses. Our brand new supplies system is an exercise in wholesaling which is slow and uneconomic.

Measure for measure

From Dr John Dutton

Sir, On a recent day off I paid some attention to the garden. In the morning I ordered some plastic for a cold frame. The pieces were 24in by 18in and 4mm thick.

I bought some two-stroke oil. The dilution instructions were in litres, but the garage sold petrol only in gallons.

In the afternoon I mixed some insecticide. The instructions told me to put 5ml in ½ pint of water.

In the evening I went to a lecture on obstetrics. The babies could be measured by a scanner — in centimetres. Their mothers could be considered for a home delivery if they were more than 5ft tall (a guide to the size of the pelvis).

I don't mind if, as Professor McGrail suggests (November 8), my calculations are decimalised or metricated; so far they've been decimalised.

Yours sincerely,
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A new addiction

From Professor Antony Allott

Sir, We are deeply and rightly concerned about the new plagues, natural and man-made, which are sweeping the earth — cocaine abuse and Aids are two examples. But the future of this country is menaced by addiction to a drug which has emerged in a new and socially destructive form — extremes party politics. When this was confined to the fringes it was unimportant, now it has affected the major parties.

The similarities, for the addicts, between cocaine abuse and politics are many and striking. In each case the addiction becomes the central focus of their lives; it distorts and colours their perception of reality. The addiction is lethal, with the difference that extremist politics damage non-users as much as users.

This country cannot stand being torn this way and that according to one drug-befuddled group attain power to implement their contradictory policies. The non-addicted majority must take urgent remedial action. So far from rewarding addicts with peerages, we must wean them off their addiction, or at least limit the harm they can do to others.

The NHS is now so complicated that it is almost impossible to find out where money is going and most of the figures which are quoted with such confidence are guesses.

We spend a lot of time managing organizations like laundry, transport, housing and wholesaling while the conditions for patients' care become progressively more difficult. Examination of the minutiae of expenditure on patient care is expensive and largely a matter of opinion, though it may have some relevance in hospitals.

In the community there is absolutely no possibility of producing figures, since money is spent by the health service, social services and local authority. Combining these figures has not yet been attempted. All in all these costing exercises are largely magical and are used to give an air of scientific management to an over-complicated organization.

Until the NHS strips itself down to the spare organization that it was before 1974 there is no chance of finding out who is spending what.

Yours sincerely,
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The poverty gap

From Canon Eric James

Sir, Your Political Correspondent reports (November 10) that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has confirmed his intention to reduce income tax.

The Conservative Party often claims to be concerned with morality.

It has been my privilege to spend much of my time in the urban priority areas of our land in the last three years, working alongside the Archbishop's Commission. There I have often been faced with the human consequences of unemployment — not least, of course, poverty.

It was the corporate and considered judgment of the commission that the nation is confronted by a grave and fundamental injustice in the urban priority areas.

This injustice will be compounded if the Chancellor reduces taxes. Indeed such an action will, to many of us, constitute a flagrant act of immorality.

Yours faithfully,
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Fiat lux

From Mrs Rosemarie Parks

Sir, Mrs S. Gordon (November 8), who laments the use of candles in Italian churches, had an ally in Goethe. After visiting the Sistine Chapel nearly 200 years ago on February 2, 1787, to witness the consecration of the candles, he wrote:

I felt at once uneasy and soon left with my friends. For I thought that the very candles which have darkened these glorious paintings for three hundred years.

Fiat lux electrica!
Yours faithfully,
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Reading lesson for Mr Baker

From Mr R. A. Carroll

Sir, While making due allowance that the 55 column inches devoted to Mr Kenneth Baker's Alan Palmer lecture (feature, November 7) were extracts only, it is not surprising that a ministerial plea for more reading and less TV watching should fail to mention libraries of any sort, whether school or public?

Is it not equally surprising that none of the extra millions Mr Lawson proposes should be spent (report, November 7) need result in one more book being purchased?

Neither Mr Baker nor his Cabinet colleagues responsible for local government spending can enforce better provision for books in schools or in the public library sector.

If the head teacher or director of library services (less likely to be a librarian these days) persuades his superiors that money should be spent on expensive machinery or equipment at the expense of other items, books included, none shall say them nay.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr N. M. Jacobs

Sir, If Kenneth Baker believes a child of 12 should be able to understand *Animal Farm*, which involves fairly detailed knowledge of the history of the Russian Revolution and of international relations in the 1930s, it would be interesting to know what he thinks the history curriculum should look like in our primary schools.

Yours sincerely,
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From Mr P. G. Bunt

Sir, How reassuring to read that the Secretary of State for Education knows that "being old-fashioned is not the same as being wrong". It only he could persuade his Inspectors of Education, whose insistence on change has destroyed old-fashioned practices, both good and bad, without discrimination!

Yours etc,
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From Mr B. V. Willsher

Sir, I endorse almost every word of Kenneth Baker's excellent and eloquent article, but surely it was the *gale* that piled the saplings double (Housman's *A Shropshire Lad*)?

I have the honour, Sir, to remain your obedient servant,
B. V. WILLISHER,
10 Grove Road,
Tring, Hertfordshire.
November 7.

Taking advice

From the Chief Executive of Canterbury City Council

Sir, Mr John Butterfill, MP (November 8) advises that the use of external management consultants would assist county (and presumably city) halls to produce further economies. I can assure him that many local authorities do just that — and all make full use of the independent Audit Commission.

This search for economy has helped to keep the rise in overall local government expenditure to only 4.4 per cent since 1980.

As central government expenditure during the same period has increased by a generous 15.1 per cent, may your readers hope to see a similar enthusiasm for economy in Whitehall generated by members of Parliament?

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER GAY,
Chief Executive,
Canterbury City Council,
Military Road,
Canterbury, Kent.

Investor protection

From the Secretary-General of the Committee of London and Scottish Bankers

Sir, Mr Shepherd (November 6) suggests that the banks have been seeking special treatment when objecting to the proposals of the Securities and Investments Board on "polarisation". Actually, the main issue is the precise manner in which "polarisation" should apply to groups of companies with independent intermediaries and product companies within a single group. As SIB accepts, it is financial conglomerates in general — not banks in particular — which are a special case.

Nor are the banks seeking exemption from the "best advice" rule. The problem is that SIB has proposed that a bank acting in the capacity of independent adviser should only recommend an in-house product if the product is demonstrably better than anything else on the market.

This is a much harsher condition than "best advice" and one which has no analogue in the rules for securities firms operating in a dual capacity. Anyone who has experience of the life assurance and unit trust market will understand that only in rare circumstances could such a condition be satisfied. The proposals would therefore place bank-owned life assurance and unit trust companies at an unfair disadvantage. Yours faithfully,
K. S. LUCAS, Secretary-General,
The Committee of London and Scottish Bankers,
10 Lombard Street, EC3.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 13 1840

Literary criticism was not a conspicuous feature of *The Times* in this period, and when reviews appeared they were sometimes inordinately long. Earlier in the year a review of Lord Brougham's translation of *The Oration of Demosthenes* upon the Crown was spread over nearly half-a-dozen issues, each instalment nearly filling a page of small type. The reviewer of this book, originally published in 1840 by Colburn in three volumes, may have been Thackeray, who was an occasional contributor until the end of this year when, finding the pay "rather shabby" he stopped for a time.

LIFE OF A FLIRT

WRITTEN BY HERSELF

"Quelques découvertes que l'on ait faites dans le pays de l'amour propre, il y reste encore bien des terres incultes," said Rochefoucauld; and our "Flirt", perceiving the extent of the country, and the profitable discoveries that might be made by an enterprising traveller, has journeyed through it with the usual prosaic curiosity, and the result of her wanderings is the volume before us. The "amour propre" increases its territories under her researches and in many a nook does she find its sovereignty firmly established, though perhaps far from acknowledged. Nor is she a pacific traveller; she also aims not merely at discovery but at conquest; and wherever she finds the enemy lurking, in the form of youth or age, she combats him pertinaciously, adapting her weapons to the form in which he presents himself. If the demon "amour propre" possesses a young fascinating lady, who sacrifices a harem of admirers to her vanity, the answer is found in a rakish abandoned husband, who cures the evil by nearly breaking the lady's heart in his turn. If "amour propre" bewilders the brain of some chatty miss, whose parents vainly try to drill her into good sense, a rickety home is the remedy, and gives the young lass a wholesome lesson by a fling over the neck, a score of bruises, and a dislocated thumb. If the fiend holds in his grasp a venerable country gentleman, wrapped up in his own unctuous peevishness, and scolding his meek wife and patient servants from the combined causes of gout and ennui, a milder medium than those enumerated is offered, and a journey to Bath, by arousing energies before suffered to lie dormant, effects the wished-for cure. Hopeless cases are killed off out of hand.

It is indeed against self-love in all its shapes that the *Life of a Flirt* is directed; and the authoress of this very superior novel has, by giving her work the form of an autobiography, rendered it peculiarly conducive to her purpose. Selfishness in "Flirt" is the central manifestation around which the other forms are grouped at unequal distances. The picture she gives of her own mind appears as the result of a painful, probing search, and the internal struggles are fearful. We see every kindly feeling sacrificed to the predominant one of vanity, female self-will like a juggernaut crushing all that comes in its way — the better thoughts of its owner, the hopes of her relations, the peace of her friends, and the happiness of her lovers; and yet she has throughout a consciousness of a high moral standard to which she does not even remotely approach. It is not a fashionable novel; the scene merely lies among the inhabitants of a country village, the object of the authoress not being so much to show the "flirt" in the extent of her brilliant achievements, as to exhibit the character itself as it may exist under all circumstances, and dissect a mind where vanity alone holds supremacy. The perpetual consciousness of a high moral standard to which she does not even remotely approach. It is not a fashionable novel; the scene merely lies among the inhabitants of a country village, the object of the authoress not being so much to show the "flirt" in the extent of her brilliant achievements, as to exhibit the character itself as it may exist under all circumstances, and dissect a mind where vanity alone holds supremacy. The perpetual consciousness of a high moral standard to which she does not even remotely approach.

It is in discerning the ordinary motives of action in a limited sphere that her talent chiefly lies. She does not show an extraordinary knowledge of the world, but rather an acute and careful habit of watching a number of characters, who are never called into very violent action — in short, that knowledge which may be best acquired in a country village coupled with the study of feelings and motives which is only pursued in the act of self-contemplation. An unkind act is, with the authoress, the greatest crime, and a circle of smiling friends mutually obliging each other the *ne plus ultra* of terrestrial felicity.

The style is generally simple, almost to sternness, and the freedom from affectation is remarkable.

Song of praise

From Mr G. J. Wood

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr George Strang (November 5), may be interested to know that the attitude of a landlord to his musical endeavours is not necessarily typical.

Last summer, whilst on holiday with the choir of St Peter's Bourne-mouth, in the city of St Albans, I chanced into a nearby hostelry with three friends from the choir. After sampling a modest quantity of ale, we felt an impromptu barbershop recital would be appropriate.

Imagine our surprise when the landlord agreed with us, turned off his muzzak, provided us with a microphone and a foaming jug of real ale, free gratis. Yours faithfully,
GORDON J. WOOD,
568 Castle Lane West,
Bournemouth, Dorset.



THURSDAY NOVEMBER 13 1986

Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1305.1 (-6.6)

FT-SE 100
1654.5 (-6.4)

Bargains
32691 (34978)

USM (Datastream)
130.84 (+0.41)

THE POUND

US Dollar
1.4260 (-0.0125)

W German mark
2.8862 (-0.0404)

Trade-weighted
68.5 (-0.8)

Brothers up stake

Messrs Don and Roy Richardson, the Midlands property developers who are bidding for Burns Anderson, the diversified financial services group, took their effective stake in Burns to about 18.5 per cent after active buying in the market by their stockbrokers Ashworth Sons & Barratt.

Ashworth bought 1.35 million Burns shares - 6.3 per cent of the company - at the 103.5p offer price for the Richardson twins to add to the 12.15 per cent already held by their private company Dudley and its quoted associate company Regentcrest. However, Mr Ivor Black, chairman of Burns, continued to advise shareholders to ignore the bid and the shares ended 2p higher at 106p.

Quiet start for News Corp

Shares of News Corporation, the parent company of News International, owner of the *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun* and *News of the World*, made a quiet start in first-time dealings on the London stock market.

They eventually closed at £15.60 after an introduction via the brokers, Cazenove and Morgan Grenfell Securities. News Corp already has its shares quoted on the Sydney stock market and enjoys an ADR facility in New York.

Portland up

Great Portland Estates interim results for the half-year to September 30 show pretax net revenue of £10.4 million, an increase of £1.65 million on the same period last year. The interim dividend is 2.5p a share. Earnings per share are 4.5p compared with 3.8p. Rents receivable rose from £10.39 million to £12.84 million.

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Insurers upset

Commercial Union Assurance reported a disappointing third-quarter taxable profit of £31.1 million, bringing its nine-month total to £72.2 million. General Accident's profits also were lower than expected. It made £38.9 million in its third quarter, taking its total for nine months to £89.4 million.

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Ultramar drop

Third quarter pretax profit at Ultramar slumped from £67.8 million to £17.9 million for the three months to September 30. For the nine months to September, pretax profit fell from £220 million to £87.4 million.

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STOCK MARKETS	
New York	1886.81 (-9.14)
Tokyo	1747.89 (+147.33)
Hong Kong	2239.71 (+32.48)
Sydney: AO	1350.7 (-3.2)
Frankfurt	1994.8 (-21.3)
Brussels	3876.40 (+0.97)
Paris: CAC	375.9 (-0.9)
Zurich	539.50 (-4.70)
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INTEREST RATES	
London:	
3-month Bank	11.1/11.1
3-month Interbank	11.1/11.1
3-month Treasury	5.38-5.38
30-year bonds	98.98-99.0
US:	
Prime Rate 7.75%	
Federal Funds 5.75%	
3-month Treasury	5.38-5.38
30-year bonds	98.98-99.0

CURRENCIES	
London:	
US Dollar	1.4260
DM	2.8862
SwF	2.0367
FF	6.55
Yen	161.01
Scd	136.5
ECU	20.2369
New York:	
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Collier resigned after AE share deal through US

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Mr Geoffrey Collier was forced to resign from Morgan Grenfell for using outside brokers to buy shares in the AE engineering group just before AE announced an agreed takeover by Mr Robert Maxwell.

All Morgan Grenfell employees are required to change any share transaction through the company, rather than using outside brokers for the deal.

Morgan Grenfell were acting as financial advisers for Mr Maxwell's Hollis group in seeking to take over AE and had been fully involved in the talks.

Mr Collier's purchases of AE shares were made by a company which he owned acting through the Los Angeles office of Scrimgeour Vickers, the market-maker and securities broker. Their London office passed information about Mr Collier to Morgan Grenfell.

Mr Collier worked in Morgan Grenfell Securities. Under City rules, all institutions are required to make sure that information about clients who

use the corporate finance activities does not leak to securities departments.

Firms are required to have "Chinese walls" which should prevent someone in Mr Collier's position discovering that Morgan Grenfell was involved in any bid activity.

Mr Collier was forced to resign for breaching Morgan Grenfell's own house rules on personal account dealing.

It must be emphasized that neither Morgan Grenfell nor the Stock Exchange have made any allegations of improper use of information.

he Stock Exchange yesterday refused to accept Mr Collier's resignation as a member of the Exchange pending its investigation of the affair. This means that he remains under their jurisdiction.

A special committee of investigation has now been set up to review the matter and is expected to reach a conclusion shortly.

It is believed that Mr Collier, through a company, put an order to buy AE shares through Scrimgeour Vickers' office in Los Angeles. The Los Angeles office executed the buying order with the broker's London office but when Hollis' bid for AE was announced Scrimgeour in London felt that they should investigate the transaction.

AE shares rose 30p to 267p on the bid.

The London office asked for the names of the client and were told. They recognized the client because Mr Collier had worked for Scrimgeour where he was a senior partner until he joined Morgan Grenfell Securities as a director, 18 months ago.

At that point Scrimgeour passed the information immediately to Morgan Grenfell.

Morgan Grenfell became advisers to Hollis in the week beginning October 27. Mr Maxwell was not able to use Hill Samuel because they were already acting for AE.

After intensive discussions over the following weekend, the agreed bid was announced at the beginning of trading on Monday, November 3. Neither Morgan Grenfell nor Scrimgeour Vickers would comment yesterday after a request by the Stock Exchange that they should make no further public statements for the time being.

Sources said that although Mr Collier had been using Scrimgeour as brokers to buy the AE shares, he had also been trying behind the scenes to recruit a large number of Scrimgeour's sales team to Morgan Grenfell.

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China Clays sets sights on Bryant

By Cliff Feltham

English China Clays last night said it was keen to make an agreed takeover bid for Bryant Holdings, the West Midlands housebuilder.

If the deal goes through, the two businesses would be capable of building about 3,000 homes a year.

Bryant, which has benefited from the buoyant housing market, has announced pretax profits up by nearly 16 per cent to £13.5 million.

It followed this with a call on shareholders for £17 million more cash to help pay for its expansion plans.

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SIB near point of takeover

By Our City Staff

Britain's Financial Services Act and its provisions for regulating the markets should be in force by late next year, Brian Hilton, Under-Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry, said yesterday.

The new Securities and Investments Board (SIB) should be able to take over regulatory powers from the DTI, as the Act envisages, in the first few months of next year.

It was hoped that all affected clearing houses, exchanges, self-regulating organizations and professional bodies will be ready to seek recognition from the SIB by next summer, he added.

Mr Hilton said that British authorities are negotiating with Japan about an arrangement on exchange of information similar to those concluded recently with the US.

Gas shares interest 32% of adults

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

The Government's hopes that half the families in Britain will be shareholders by the next election have been given a boost.

A Gallup survey of 1,031 people, published yesterday, found that the British Gas flotation is attracting interest from 32 per cent of adults.

Ten per cent of the sample said they will "definitely" buy gas shares in next month's £6 billion privatization, 13 per cent said they "probably will" and 9 per cent said they "may or may not".

This is a sharp increase on the findings of a similar Gallup poll conducted two months ago. That survey, taken before the forced advertising campaign, found only 3 per cent of the sample to be definite buyers.

However, more than 55 per cent of those questioned in the latest survey said they would not apply for shares.



Robert Scholey: attaching a commercial cachet to privatization of the British Steel Corporation

BSC soars to £68m half-year profit

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The British Steel Corporation made a profit of £68 million in the six months to the end of September, although the corporation has told ministers that it could prosper with one less.

While the BSC is now set to make a profit of well over £100 million this year, Mr Scholey said: "Against a flat, if not weakening, European market demand for steel, there is increasing pressure from developing Third World countries, often subsidized."

The problem of low-price imports must be tackled successfully if liberalization of the market is not to result in further collapses in prices with the inevitable consequential losses."

The BSC is now producing steel at the rate of more than 6 million tonnes per year, a level of productivity that is one of the best in Europe, and the corporation clearly is keen not to see its lead eroded by a relaxation of production quotas.

Mr Scholey said yesterday that the European industry made combined losses last year of DM2.75 billion (£948 million) and the need was for lower costs and stable prices.

The BSC's half-year profit is more than double the figure for the same period of 1985. While home steel deliveries for the six months were down from 3.9 million tonnes to 3.2 million tonnes, largely as the result of imports, exports were up slightly to 1.5 million tonnes.

Overseas sales now account for 40 per cent of the BSC turnover.

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Earlier, the cartel of European steelmakers of which Mr Scholey is the president, has told the European Commission that its members will close almost 12 million tonnes of steel rolling capacity by 1990 in a bid to defend EEC attempts to lift production quotas.

The Government has told the BSC to keep open all steel making capacity, including the

£6m House of Holland sale

Jetech, a video tape and leisure goods importer, quoted on the over-the-counter market, is buying House of Holland, the retail chain, for about £6 million.

House of Holland went into receivership this year. In July 11 stores and the rights to the name were bought by Evenmore, a company controlled by Mr David Bulstrode, chairman of Marler Estates and Mr Ken Bishop, formerly of Debenhams.

Ifincorp, the Arab finance group, will have 25 per cent of Jetech and Sheikh Amin Dahlawi, Ifincorp's chairman, will join the board.

Bolton House Investments, adviser to Jetech, will have 5 per cent and House Property Company.

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Fall in sterling prompts fears of higher rates

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The pound fell sharply yesterday, due to a weak dollar and political and economic uncertainties in Britain, raising fears of an increase in base rates.

The pound fell 1.25 cents to \$1.4260 and four pence to DM2.8873. The sterling index dropped from 69.3 to 68.5.

Yesterday's falls represented a sharp reversal of the pound's recent firm tone, reviving fears of higher base rates. In a television interview last Sunday, the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, promised to raise interest rates to protect sterling, although few people took him at his word.

Money market interest rates rose by ¼ points yesterday; the three-month interbank rate closing at 11½-11¾ per cent. Government bonds lost up to 1½p.

The prospect of several months of political uncertainty before a General Election has started to unsettle the markets.

Both the Prime Minister and Mr Lawson have been careful not to encourage hopes of an early election.

The Chancellor has not demurred from the idea that he would prefer to hold on until 1988 before fighting an election, when the effects of higher public expenditure and

any future tax cuts will become a little clearer.

In addition, hopes of lower interest rates elsewhere have faded. The Federal Reserve Board in Washington has been in no hurry to follow last month's reduction in the Japanese discount rate. And in West Germany, money market interest rates have been edging higher.

There is concern over the prospects for inflation in Britain, with figures due out tomorrow expected to show a small upturn in retail price inflation last month, compared with September's 3 per cent rate.

The dollar weakened towards the DM2 level, amid conflicting market expectations about tomorrow's retail sales data.

The American currency fell from DM2.0345 to DM2.0240 and from 162.15 to 160.65 against the Japanese yen.

Some dealers were expected even stronger American retail sales growth than the 4.5 per cent in September, boosted by healthy car sales, but others were looking for a sharp downturn.

Dollar weakness is likely to pull the pound down against the European currencies once again.

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Bid to break triple witching hour spell

He declined to elaborate on what form the rule changes may take, but said: "I think we can reach agreement to the satisfaction of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodities and Futures Trading Commission."

Triple witching hour has attracted the close attention of the US regulatory authorities. Last September, traders on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) were asked to declare market-close orders in blue-

to the ceiling floor:

A further advantage of the link would be that the two markets would have a wider base from which to start new products. Mr Melamed said. Improved contacts with New York would help the CME launch futures in four sub-sectors of the S&P index, while the NYSE could list more Japanese stocks than arbitrage opportunities opened up against the CME's planned Nikkei Stock Average futures.

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on Dock

Capital and Counties, the retail developer, was to have developed the Barton Dock site with the MSCC and is believed to have offered about £60 million for it. But that plan fell through.

The Carroll Group, a private developer, has been buying shares in MSCC and has a joint scheme already under way with the company on another part of its estate.

The new starters and alternators will be phased into present production. Ford said it planned to spend \$77 million for the starter programme and \$94 million for the new generation alternator programme. Extensive use would be made of computer-controlled machinery and robotics, Ford said.

The company has increased its turnover in excess of 10% and in so doing has maintained its market share of all its main products, showing a significant increase in profits.

A final dividend of 15p per share is being recommended giving a total of 23p per share for the year.

POL-Wyflex Sdn. Bhd. in Malaysia has shown a considerable increase in the manufacture of Wyflex products where the company has become the major producer of the three companies involved. There is now a significant ratio of market share between CIPSA, Wyflex and the company which is only maintained at this time, it is in a very strong position to increase its influence in the market place. Our related company in Australia, Cipsal Switchgear Pty. Limited is continuing to increase its share of the Australian market and should continue to do so in the future.

Earlier this year the company acquired a minority interest in Cagesand Controls Limited, a company involved in the design and manufacture of electrical control equipment. This, you will understand, is in an associated field and we are developing suitable to the group's activities.

The directors are recommending that a scrip issue of one new ordinary share of 25p credited as fully paid be made for each existing ordinary share in the company. Appropriate resolutions will be proposed at the annual general meeting to be held on 12th November 1988.

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ECONOMIC VIEW

Now for the second miracle — an auction system for gilts

By Rodney Lord Economics Editor

At an early meeting to discuss prospective trading arrangements in the new gilt edged market, Mr Eddie George, a Bank of England executive director, was asked whether the Bank intended to switch from traditional tap sales to an auction system at the same time. He replied: "I think we will have one miracle at a time."

The first miracle seems to have occurred. The Bank's trading during the first two and a half weeks of the new market has passed off smoothly. Compared with the *storm* and *drang* in the equity market the gilt market has been as calm as Lake Constance.

At roughly £8 billion a week, turnover has been about 20 per cent higher than in comparable conditions under the old trading arrangements. In addition there has been about £10 billion of trading a week between the market-makers themselves through the inter-dealer brokers. So the overall level of liquidity in the market has been nearly three times what it was before.

The bigger size of the market — plus of course competition between 27 market-makers — has helped to reduce the spread between buying and selling prices to between a half and a quarter of what the jobbers used to quote.

The normal spread is now 1/2%. Before it was usually 1/4%, while 3/4% or 1% was not unusual in the long-dated stocks. "Choice" prices — when the trader can either buy or sell at the same price — can be found

often, and clients can reckon to deal in bigger size without moving the price against them.

Indirectly, the increase in liquidity is helping to bring down the cost of funding to the taxpayer. Suggestions that the tap would not have sold out last week, at a premium under the old market system are not widely supported.

But a more liquid market makes gilts a more attractive instrument and if there are more buyers for a given amount of stock, the price will rise and the yield the Government is obliged to offer will fall.

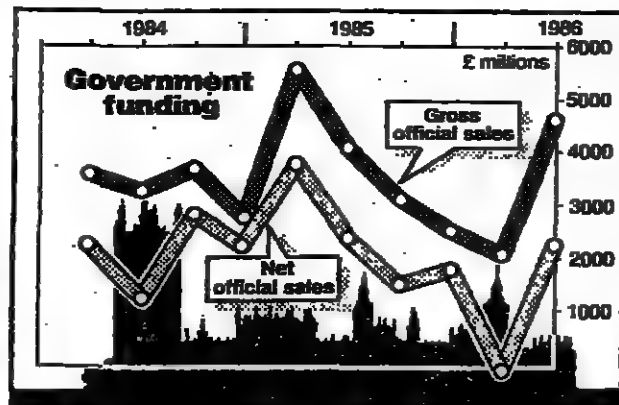
Now for the next miracle.

Having reduced the cost of funding, can the market finance the Government's deficit with more certainty and more regularity? That is the purpose of the Bank's proposals to experiment with an auction system for gilts as well as the traditional tenders and taps.

If the Government's deficit could be smoothly funded through the year without the present jerks and swerves then both the public sector accounts and the money supply would take on a prettier appearance.

Certainty may not come cheap. The principle of an auction system is that the Government offers predictable amounts of stock on advertised dates which are auctioned to the highest bidder. The market decides on the appropriate price and the Government has to accept what it is offered.

The advantage of the traditional tap system is that the Government is not committed to selling stock at any particular moment. It can sell at the most favourable prices when the market is rising and turn the tap off if the market falls. Selling at the moment which most suits the seller helps to minimize the cost of funding.



Under the present system the Bank would keep out of the market and do nothing to exaggerate any weakness in prices. With auctions, interest rates could become more volatile in the short run and funding costs could rise.

The extent of the change can be exaggerated. The market knows that the authorities' aim is to find the public sector borrowing requirement and it knows broadly whether sales are up to target. Even under the existing system had news tends to have more impact on prices if the market knows the Government is already behind with its funding programme. Nevertheless some extra volatility is likely.

The second question is whether an auction system will put more pressure on the Government to respond to market views on interest rates. Interest rates in recent years have been dictated more by pressure on sterling than the need to sell gilts but in the 1970s when the PSBR was much higher as a proportion of the economy, funding requirements were an important factor.

The official view is that prices under the present arrangements are just as much determined by the market as they would be under an auction system. The Bank follows the market, it does not attempt to control it. Sales are made only when the market is rising. This may act to smooth out interest rate trends but it does not alter them fundamentally.

Just as buyers of British Telecom wanted to be assured that the Government would not dump a whole lot more stock on the market within a certain period, so buyers of gilts will be more confident if they have information about what the Government is likely to set out on its stall in the near future.

The most likely option is an American-style programme of four auctions a year. There is a case for confining the initial experiment to short-dated stock where price volatility is less but a wider range of stocks would provide more experience about the pitfalls and possibilities of auctions.

Whether the decision goes in favour of shorts or a mixture of the experiment will probably be confined to conventional stocks — "plain vanilla" — rather than the more exotic fare of convertibles or index-linked. The appetite for these stocks may partly determine the proportion of funding initially channelled through auctions.

Two questions about gilt auctions have wider implications. Will they lead to more volatile interest rates? The Government will be committed to selling a certain amount of stock in a particular week. If unexpected bad news hits the market just ahead of the sale — say, oil prices suddenly fall — then gilt yields could have to rise very sharply to clear the stock.

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COMMENT

Ghost of Christmas past haunts sterling

The Chancellor's chickens may have started coming home to roost. For the first time since the autumn statement, the pound fell sharply yesterday, invoking memories of winter sterling crises past. Mr Lawson's resolve to raise interest rates to protect sterling, expressed in a television interview last weekend, may be tested sooner than he thought.

Against the backdrop of an uncertain economic policy and during a lull in major economic news, two factors have emerged to draw out the sellers of sterling. Yesterday the pound dropped from 69.3 to 68.5 on the trade weighted scale, pulling government bonds down by as much as a point. Indicative of steady views in the gilt-edged market the tap stock, Treasury Convertible 10 per cent 1991, fell below its partly paid (£40 per cent) level to £39.75. It has been as high as £41.75.

Both Prime Minister and Chancellor have played down early election suggestions in recent days, to the concern of the markets. In assessing the Government's presentation of economic policy last week, reaffirmed in the Queen's Speech yesterday, the verdict was that the gamble might work — as long as the election is but a few months away. But the idea that Nigel Lawson in his new role of compassionate, open-handed uncle might be on stage for another 18 months makes the audience uncomfortable. It is not a sight calculated to encourage the Japanese fund manager to try his luck in gilts.

That is a little hard on the Chancellor. After all, he has pointed to the damage sterling would suffer if Labour were thought to be in with a

real chance of becoming the next Government, and he is only doing his best through time-honoured electioneering spending and talks of lower income tax to prevent that happening.

The other main change since last week has been the recognition that help for the interest rate, which appeared to be on its way from abroad, was a mirage. The mark/sterling rate has now become the key one. Yesterday, the pound dropped four pence, to below 2.90. Germany looks a better bet politically, with Chancellor Kohl in the driving seat for the January elections, and it has rarely looked anything other than a good bet economically.

Now, to add spice, German interest rates are edging up. The Germans are funding the Bundesrepublik 10-year issue expected today will be DM4 billion with a coupon of 6 1/4 or 6 3/4 per cent and priced about par. They are also worried about excess monetary growth. This year will be the first since 1978 that the central bank money stock has exceeded its target, and the Bundesbank will be announcing its 1987 target around the end of the month.

Monetary conditions in Germany are being tightened subtly. The Bundesbank is constrained from raising the discount rate, presently 3.5 per cent, by the foreign exchange markets, but money market rates have been allowed to edge up.

The pound is friendlier at home — the latest currency review from Chase Manhattan Securities in London is headlined: "Sell sterling before next bout of decline." The pound does not have many overseas supporters. It is going to be a difficult winter.

The book of the play

Behind the bland prose of the autumn statement published yesterday, and prefaced by the Chancellor last week, lies a story rich in human drama. Of overseas aid, for instance, the document boasts that it is "being maintained in real terms at its 1986-87 level throughout the three years". This conceals a fierce battle to try to raise it to a level which would maintain it as a proportion of the economy. But on housing the Government has agreed to increase both the provision for local authority housing and for the Housing Corporation. That was never the original intention.

Material here for a good second line Jeffrey Archer but even in a year when the Government has surrendered comprehensively to the pressures for higher spending, there is a strong non-fiction argument for offering rather more of the reasoning behind the selected pattern of spending. It would also be useful to know in rather more

detail the various technical adjustments, as opposed to policy adjustments, which are made between one public expenditure White Paper and the next. This is the burden of a new research paper by Andrew Likierman and Susan Bloomfield of the London Business School.

But most important of all we need to know more about what we are getting for our money. The Government has made some modest progress in recent years in providing more in the way of output measures in the White Paper. There is much more still to be done. The fruit of ministers' deliberations on the allocation of public spending presented in the autumn statement reveals next to nothing about how far value for money considerations influenced the conclusions. As one of my old mentors would say "We should be told".

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Grand Met shares advance on talk of predatory buyers

By Michael Clark and Carol Leonard

Grand Metropolitan, the brewing and hotel group, gained 7p to 448p in late trading on talk that Schroders, the merchant bank, may have built up a 4.6 per cent stake on behalf of a predatory consortium.

Three million shares were traded through the stock market yesterday but Schroders is believed to have bought more than 40 million shares, at a cost of almost £180 million, during the past few weeks.

The company, which is valued at almost £4 billion, has been the subject of bid speculation for some time now, with Mr Charles Knapp, the international financier, believed to be sitting on a 2 per cent stake.

Elsewhere share prices ran out of steam after a firm start, ahead of today's US money supply figures. The FT 30 share index closed down 6.6 at 1,305.1, while the broader-based FT-SE 100 index was down 6.4 at 1654.5.

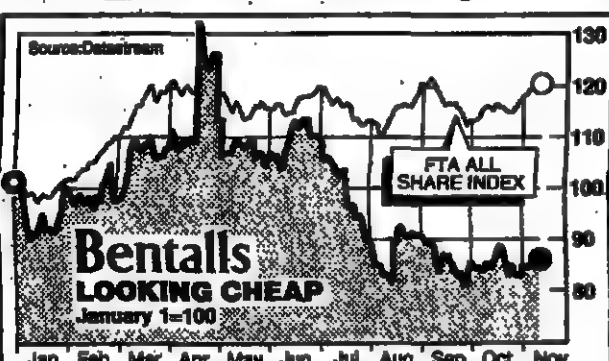
Among leaders, ICI gained 4p to 1068p on sterling's

● The rerating at Ratners, the jeweller, continues apace. Tomorrow Kleinwort Benson, the broker, will accompany Mr Gerald Ratner, the chairman, to Edinburgh to meet some of the powerful Scottish fund managers. He may have some good news for them. The shares firmed 2.5p to 242.5p — only 2.5p short of their peak.

Weakness against the mark. The weaker pound took up to £1 off gilts.

Third-quarter figures from Commercial Union and General Accident, which were both below market expectations, had a further dampening effect on the market. CU shares dropped 12p to 270p and General Accident 15p to 829p.

Among the market newcomers, Lloyds Chemist went



to a 20p premium, trading at 125p, and Brake Brothers closed at 153p, a 28p premium.

TSB firmed 14p to 80 1/2p in late trade as investors started buying on a new-time basis for the next week's account. Trading for cash settlement finished yesterday but the sudden rush of institutional buyers, which some market men had predicted because they can now deal in a traditional two-week account period, failed to materialize.

One leading sector analyst was sceptical. He said: "I don't know why people would want to trade in and out of this stock on a short-term basis. The stock is already very highly rated and, if anything, is drifting lower."

TSB is on a p/e of 10, compared with National Westminster on 5.5 and Barclays on 6.4.

The rest of the banking sector was equally dull with Barclays gaining a penny to 478p while NatWest dipped 5p to 509p.

Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, showed signs of recovery from the Geoffrey Collier affair, jumping 7p to 408p.

Hanson Trust, the industrial conglomerate, eased 3.5p to 210.5p, despite a volume of 21 million shares. Enormous volumes of Hanson shares have been traded through the London market every day since the company got an ADR facility on November 3, but with little effect on the

share price. Yesterday's minor slide was caused by Mr Bob Haville, leading sector analyst at James Capel, the broker, who has trimmed his profit forecast for 1987 from £720 million to £690 million.

Mr Haville says: "Our forecast had been ahead of the field for some time and we have now reassessed it, bringing it more in line with the others. We think Hanson Trust is going through an extremely dynamic phase and we are still buyers of the stock for the medium term."

At the same time Mr Haville has increased his forecast for the year to September 1986 — due to be announced during the first week of December — by £20 million to £470 million.

Bentalls, the department store group, slipped 1p to 132p ahead of next week's shareholders' meeting to approve plans for the £110 million redevelopment of its valuable Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, site with Norwich Union.

It is the biggest project ever undertaken by Norwich Union and will comprise a new Bentalls store and 10 shops providing over 500,000 sq ft of shopping space, a food court and parking for 1200 cars.

The deal will be of great benefit to Bentalls which has retained a significant investment in the project and will occupy 200,000 sq ft of space rent-free for 130 years. It could also be good news for

Bentalls' share price which has run out of steam recently following the withdrawal of Capital & Counties, which wanted to make a bid, and the decision of a number of dissident family members, who wanted to accept the offer, to sell their holdings. Capital & Counties has just been beaten by Norwich Union in the race for the redevelopment contract and probably had a good idea of the value of the scheme.

Mr Tom Wyatt, retail analyst with Kleinwort Greaveson, the broker, has been casting his slide rule over the deal and reckons that it could almost quadruple Bentalls' net asset value from 58p to 200p a share.

"The shares now look very interesting on a trading basis. Knocking out the property interests at a conservative 64p, the shares are currently on a prospective trading multiple of just under 12," says Mr Wyatt.

He is looking for a strong run-up to Christmas and is forecasting pretax profits nudging £4 million this year

● Shares of Conroy Petroleum have been a strong market. Last week they stood at 270p, but yesterday leapt 40p to a new peak of 350p on talk of a big minerals discovery in Eire. Dealers in Dublin and London are trying to talk the shares up to 218. Worth keeping a close eye on.

compared with £3.27 million last time.

Over on the Unlisted Securities Market, shares of Crown Television Productions, maker of corporate and industrial videos, advanced 2p to 80p after Mr Gordon Currie, chairman, announced that he had received an approach from another company in the television/media industry. Dealers have been looking for terms worth 100p a share which would value Crown at £9.3 million.

ALPHA STOCKS

These prices are as at 6.45pm

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383	283	283	Allied-Lyons	318	22	111	794	794	Imp Chem Ind	101	10
174	126	126	ASDA-MPI	180	16	683	338	338	Imperial	511	10
483	276	276	BAT	470	47	391	312	312	Laboratory	397	37
482	361	361	BAT	470	47	348	278	278	Land Securities	242	34
573	449	449	Bayer	476	48	288	138	138	Legal & Gen	265	25
440	680	680	Bell	476	48	484	288	288	Lloyds	416	42
450	356	356	Benson	476	48	288	183	183	Lombard	242	24
726	526	526	Blue Circle	438	43	291	168	168	Marcia & Spencer	136	18
383	293	293	BIOC	338	38	589	417	417	Midland	575	57
289	170	170	Boots	338	38	583	428	428	New West	586	57
608	423	423	BP Amoco	495	50	578	429	429	P & O	527	52
709	530	530	BP Petroleum	690	65	244	182	182	Plessey	136	12
260	177	177	BT Telecom	178	25	942	718	718	Prudential	813	81
158	98	98	British	178	25	284	148	148	Real Elect	172	17
354	256	256	Burton	278	28	900	605	605	Reckitt Colman	816	60
369	277	277	Cable & Wireless	300	30	791	511	511	Reckitt	540	54
326	259	259	Cambridge Scientific	184	18	867	758	758	Reckitt	808	80
196	158	158	Carroll	268	27	426	344	344	Sainsbury Ltd	418	42
704	409	409	Com Union	518	51	148	102	102	Seam	121	12
327	252	252	Courtauld	318	31	415	321	321	Sedgwick Op	357	35
438	318	318	Diageo	318	31	709	558	558	Shell	558	55
520	408	408	Fisons	328	32	188	95	95	STC	182	18
225	158	158	Gen Accident	18	18	772	620	620	Sun Alliance	683	67
111	758	758	Grand Met	447	44	811	794	794	TSB PIP	80	80
111	721	721	GLS A	447	44	400	400	400	Tesco	400	40
954	720	720	GRN	788	77	529	374	374	Thorn Elm	485	48
385	325	325	Guinness	343	34	348	288	288	Trigold	288	28
355	275	275	Hawker Siddeley	212	21	209	139	139	Trusthouse Forte	172	17
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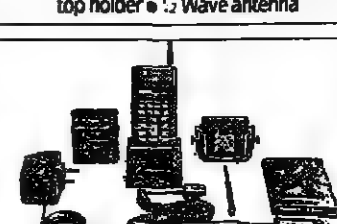
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EEC steel firms offer 10% cuts in defence of quotas

Brussels (Reuters) — Leading EEC steel companies have offered to cut capacity by more than 10 per cent if they are allowed to keep a quota system which protects vulnerable producers, according to steel industry sources.

The offer, agreed at a meeting of the steelmakers' lobby, Eurofer, in Düsseldorf, West Germany, came with a demand that EEC countries finance redundancies, which would result from the cuts.

The lobby offer to cut capacity by 12 million tonnes by 1990, came in response to EEC Commission proposals to scrap quotas that have protected the troubled industry from both home and foreign competition.

EEC industry ministers delayed a decision on the proposals until next Tuesday to give the lobby, which represents nearly all leading producers, the chance to agree alternatives.

Eurofer says that maintaining quotas would prevent the market being flooded by foreign steel and help maintain the balance of supply and demand within the EEC, essential for the survival of many companies.

Since 1980, production quotas have shielded EEC steel companies from competition, while they undertook a restructuring which resulted in capacity cuts of 31 million tonnes and job losses of 240,000.

The EEC industry commissioner, Herr Karl-Heinz Narjes, wants to reduce the proportion of total output protected by the quota system from the present 65 per cent to 45 per cent at the beginning of next year, and to scrap the quotas by 1988.

The Commission said limits on steel imports from 11 non-Community countries should be extended for another year because of EEC market conditions.

It said that the restructuring of the ailing steel industry was making progress, but the process had not yet been completed and did not permit free access to EEC markets.

The Commission said it was seeking a mandate from member states to negotiate an extension of import limits with Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Czechoslovakia, Brazil, South Korea, Austria, Finland, Norway and Sweden.

Export ceilings of these countries for next year should remain the same as those for this year, the Commission said.

But there was no need, it said, to renegotiate an accord with Australia since its steel exports to the EEC were low.

South African steel exports to the EEC have been banned under sanctions adopted in protest against Pretoria's apartheid system.

Redfearn profits jump as recovery continues

By Alexandra Jackson

Redfearn National Glass, manufacturer of glass and plastic containers, yesterday reported an increase in profits for the year to the end of September from a restated £1.3 million to £2.6 million.

Turnover rose from £58.2 million to £58.9 million, while earnings per share rose from 20p to 38.2p. A final dividend of 6.0p was declared, making a total of 24.2p for the year.

Redfearn shares have outperformed the market by more than 100 per cent in the last 12 months, reflecting the presence of the 23.4 per cent stake held by Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, as well as the under-

Phit recommends only Wingate's cash offer

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

The Chase Corporation, New Zealand's third largest company, posted its offer document for Property Holding & Investment Trust yesterday. The agreed bid is being made by Wingate Property Investments, in which Chase has a 63.1 per cent stake.

Phit's board is only recommending shareholders to take Wingate's 165p a share cash offer and the offer of 80p a share cash for the preference shares and convertible loan stock. Phit's estimated net asset value is 168p a share. It is making no recommendation for Wingate's one-for-two share offer.

Both the Phit board and Kleinwort Benson, its mer-

LCP hits at Ward White

By Cliff Feltham

Mr David Rhead, chairman of LCP, the property and car accessories group, last night launched a fierce attack on Ward White, which is making an unwanted £150 million takeover bid for the company.

He claimed that Ward White was in danger of "severely damaging" the business they want most — LCP's Whitlock car parts chain in the US which contributes the bulk of the profits.

Mr Rhead, in his defence document, says Whitlock is entirely different from the Halfords operation run by Ward White in the United Kingdom.

"Whitlock is not a transatlantic Halfords. Ward White cannot identify any acquisition opportunities in the US autoparts market which the experienced and well-informed Whitlock team are not already aware of and are better placed to assess."

A number of successful US general retailers have tried to enter the specialist autoparts market. Most have had more experience of the US market than Ward White. Most have been unsuccessful. LCP also launched a strong attack on the acquisitive style of Ward White, which owns the Payless DIY chain and Owen Owen department stores, describing its strategy as "a state of acquisitions linked only by the tenuous common thread of retailing."

Mr Rhead also defended LCP's British property activities — which, he claims, Ward White "appears to have no knowledge of or interest in."

Mr Philip Birch, the Ward White chairman, last night hit back, describing the LCP response as "weak and woolly."

Excitement wavers at CU and GA

TEMPUS

After the excitement of good first and then much better second quarter figures, third quarter results from Commercial Union and General Accident disappointed.

The pace of profits recovery slowed with GA actually registering lower pretax profits in the third quarter at £38.9 million against a second quarter £45.5 million.

The reasons were largely the drag on CU's American business from the high level of involuntary business it was obliged to write and GA's continuing problems on the British motor account.

Involuntary business — unpopular risks that some American states oblige insurers to write — accounted for a high 10 per cent of CU's American exposure.

Its participation is assessed on its past exposure rather than its now reduced exposure to America.

CU's American underwriting loss eased to £38 million from £58.3 million in the previous quarter, for a reduced nine-month operating loss of £22.3 million against £80.2 million.

The company hopes the long awaited emergence into profit will happen next year, just as rate rises on American commercial lines are expected to slow down appreciably.

CU's American nine month operating ratio (claims and expenses against premiums) remained well above the industry average at 115.1 per cent, although it reduced from 122.1 per cent against 116.41 per cent.

GA's third quarter British motor account made a thumping £11.1 million underwriting loss against £6.5 million in the second quarter. The claims frequency continues to rise and the cost of claims rose 6 per cent in the third quarter.

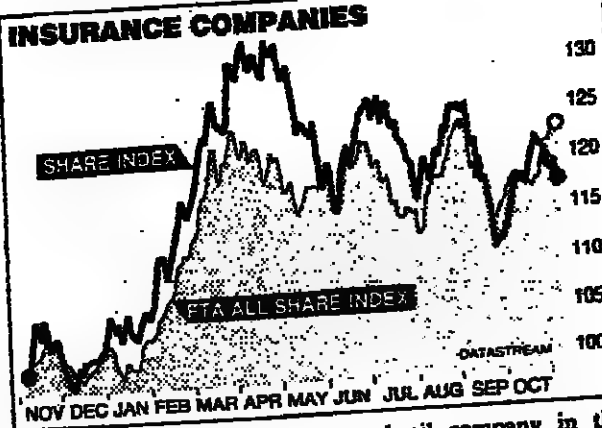
GA has already imposed three rate rises in 1986 totalling 26 per cent. If motor does not come right soon, more rises can be expected.

Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker, has shaved back its full-year forecasts to £110 million pretax for CU and £130 million for GA.

CU's shares fell 13p to 269p and GA's lost 13p to 831p.

However the shares are underpriced — CU's by a prospective yield of 6.8 per cent and GA's by an asset backing of 1080p a share.

The composite insurance sector is out of favour but both companies have attractions.



Great Portland Estates

Great Portland Estates is attempting to shake off what was a sleepy image and justify its reputation as a blue chip property company.

Interim results show pretax net revenue up from £8.75 million to £10.4 million for the six months to September 30. Rents receivable rose from £10.29 million to £12.84 million.

The company has bought £13 million of freehold property in the past few weeks. The purchase of the 33,000 sq ft office block at Chiswell Street in the City is part of a plan to buy adjoining properties fronting Finsbury Square to develop a 75,000 to 100,000 sq ft site worth £35 million.

Great Portland is seeking planning consent for a 180,000 sq ft high-tech development at Weybridge, Surrey. If successful the company could benefit from the proposed changes in planning law. These would permit a more flexible business use on such sites.

There is talk of a corporate acquisition, although it is unlikely to be a property company.

Great Portland is geared for development and will aim for trading profits next year to offset a loss of earnings incurred through its development programme.

The interim dividend is 2.5p a share and the final dividend is an estimated 4.6p. Earnings per share are 4.5p compared with 3.8p. The share price was down 4p yesterday at 194p.

Ultramar

Ultramar has always been something of a curiosity among oil companies in that it is involved in every phase of the business — from oil and gas production to shipping, refining and marketing — without being a truly inte-

grated oil company in the accepted sense.

While it may lack the flexibility of its more integrated competitors, its earnings nevertheless have some of their resilience. The reduction in upstream profitability is partly offset by profits downstream.

Its oil and gas production earnings quartered to £7.3 million in the third quarter to September 30. The Indonesian LNG (liquefied natural gas) price is only belatedly reflecting lower oil prices.

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Refining and marketing profits, on the other hand, tripled to £11.3 million as margins in Canada widened. The benefits of the Gulf Canada acquisition are also coming through. Its marketing outlets in Canada have made the Pittston outlets in the United States, acquired 3 years ago, redundant.

Unfortunately, the profits from the oil and gas operations are being eaten away by financing charges of £12.2 million, up 40 per cent on last year. Borrowings have risen to 34 per cent of capital employed.

Cash flow recovered strongly in the third quarter and the final quarter cash flow will be boosted by the proposed sale of the redundant US marketing assets.

However, a question mark still hangs over the safety of the final dividend, especially as Ultramar cannot reclaim its advance corporation tax. The interim was cut from 4p to 2p. A cut in the final from 6.5p to 3p might not be unrealistic, putting the shares on a yield of 4.2 per cent.

As the oil price continues to be volatile at low levels, so will Ultramar's profits. Perhaps Mr Ron Brierley's 13 per cent stake and Rainbow Corporation's 6.8 per cent stake will keep takeover hopes alive.

Redfearn National Glass

"Pre-tax profits doubled"

Preliminary Announcement
52 weeks ended 28 September 1986

	52 weeks ended 28 Sept 1986	52 weeks ended 28 Sept 1985 (Restated)	% Change
Turnover	58,860	58,204	+1
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2,557	1,278	+100
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	2,329	1,223	+90
Extraordinary items	422	1,669	-
Profit attributable to shareholders	2,751	2,892	-5
Earnings per ordinary share	38.2p	20.0p	+91
Dividend per ordinary share	6.0p	2.0p	+200

John Pratt, the Chairman, reports:

- * Profits before taxation doubled.
- * Interest charge down by 34%.
- * Earnings per share increased from 20.0p to 38.2p.
- * Dividend increased from 2.0p to 6.0p per share.

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China 'could open money markets'

From Robert Grieves, Peking

China could develop money markets within the next 10 years if its leaders continue on their present course of economic development, Mr John Phelan, the chairman of the New York stock exchange, said in Peking.

Mr Phelan spoke as he and 25 Wall Street executives visited the country to hold seminars on how to develop financial markets.

"China will not necessarily develop the kind of stock market we are used to," Mr Phelan told *The Times*. "But the Chinese have some very sophisticated people looking at these questions."

"In the next 10 years there will be enormous growth in this area."

The "China-United States symposium on financial markets" held at the Great Hall of the People, looked at the role of investment banks in the financial system and new ways to raise capital.

More than 300 Chinese officials from state banks and finance-related government agencies attended the seminars, among them Mr Chen Muhua, a state councillor and governor of the People's Bank of China, and Mr Liu Hongru, vice-governor of the People's Bank.

Among the American financial experts were Mr Elliot Richardson, the former US Commerce Secretary, now a partner at the New York law firm of Milbank, Tweed, and Mr William Rogers, the former US Secretary of State, now a senior partner in the Washington law firm of Rogers and Wells.

China has established fledgling stock exchanges in Shanghai, Chongqing and Wuhan, and a bond market in Shenyang.

In addition, it has made the People's Bank the country's central bank and charged it with regulating the money supply and interest rates.

Peking wants to open 10 more money markets in the next few years, in its drive to make the Chinese financial system more flexible.

In his opening remarks at the symposium Mr Liu outlined the financial problems facing China.

He said that overall financial regulation was "not quite adequate," investment funds were under-utilized and that the country's interest rate structure must "rationalized."

Mr Phelan and other New York stock exchange officials are scheduled to meet Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's senior leader tomorrow.

SMITHS INDUSTRIES

PRODUCTS AND SYSTEMS FOR THE AEROSPACE & DEFENCE, MEDICAL AND INDUSTRIAL MARKETS

- Profit up 19%
- Earnings per share up 27%
- Dividend up 22%
- Further growth expected

	1986	1985
Turnover	£401.2m	£371.4m
Profit before Tax	£56.5m	£47.6m
Earnings per Share	16.4p	12.9p
Dividend per Share	5.5p	4.5p

*continuing businesses

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BASE LENDING RATES

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Co-operative Bank	11.00%
C. Hoare & Co	11.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	11.00%
Lloyds Bank	11.00%
Nat Westminster	11.00%
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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Arndale shopping centres to undergo £25m refurbishment

By Judith Huntley

Arndale Shopping Centres, the specialist centre subsidiary of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company, is to spend £25 million on refurbishing its shopping centres.

The move was announced yesterday by Mr Peter Ford, chairman of Arndale. He said: "Arndale currently operates some of Britain's largest and busiest covered shopping centres."

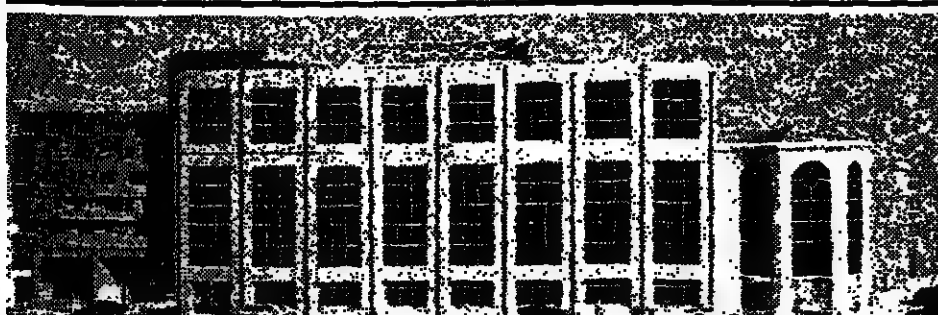
"However, the need to strengthen the concept of 'in town' shopping and the rising expectations of shoppers and retailers has led us to reassess the facilities and services we offer."

"Much of the budget allocated over the next two years will be spent on refurbishing existing shopping centres which will include purpose-designed leisure facilities."

Arndale intends spending £20 million of its budget in the North-west of England. The company plans to convert the Knightsbridge Mall of Manchester's Arndale Centre into a speciality area.

The development went through a bad patch but Arndale says it has been encouraged by the number of lettings in the last year or so.

The scheme will be enhanced by the fact that Ramada International, the US hotel chain, is to convert Fairbairn House - close to the Manchester Arndale - into a 205-bedroom luxury hotel.



Helical Properties and Higgs and Hill Developments have sold their joint development, the 100,000 sq ft office block at 48 Chiswell Street in the City of London, to EP Properties for an estimated £39 million.

The model shows the building, which is under construction. It will be occupied by EP Exploration. The developers bought the site with interim finance from Bankers Trust and equity from

Lazard Brothers, which has a minority interest in the scheme. A syndicated £24 million non-recourse loan came from Security Pacific National Bank.

Sykes adds more acres to £100m leisure site

The private property company Paul Sykes (Developments) has added another 40 acres of land to its site for a £100 million retail and leisure centre of 1.3 million sq ft in the Don Valley, near Sheffield.

The extra land, bringing its total to 120 acres, is to be used for additional car parking and improved access.

The developer has yet to reveal details of how the project is to be funded. One possible route may be to sell securities in the development. The company has explored

many avenues but will not yet say which route it will take. The retail element of the project will have three department stores. Mr Paul Butterworth, the managing director of Paul Sykes, says he expects these to be "premium deals" probably involving traditional leases with rack rents.

The remainder of the retail space will be let on turnover rents, which are commonplace in the US but rare in Britain. The developer intends building the project in one phase, with a completion date in 1988.

Newton to join Trevian board

Mr Gerald Newton, the chairman of Country and New Town Properties, is to join the board of Trevian Holdings. The move comes only days after Country and New Town paid £30 million for a large slice of Bay Financial Corporation in the US.

The company yesterday bought eight properties from Country and New Town for £688,500. It paid £88,500 cash and issued £600,000 of convertible unsecured loan stock to Country and New Town.

Trevian is seeking a USM listing.

COMPANY NEWS

● **CAMPBELL RED LACK**: The Dome Mines company increased income for the nine months to September 30 to Can\$1.09 million or £15.5 million from Can\$1.07 million. Net income totalled Can\$18.26 million.

● **SIGMA MINES (QUEBEC)**: Sigma (Dome Mines group) has more than trebled its net income for nine months to September 30 from Can\$1.462 million or £740,000 to Can\$4.634 million. Total revenue amounted to Can\$25.134 million (Can\$22.206 million). Earnings in the third quarter were Can\$1.268 million.

● **SEA HOLDINGS**: The company has agreed to acquire White Sea Holdings for £242,000, to be satisfied by the issue of REA ordinary shares, of which about 77 per cent will initially be retained by the vendors and the balance will be placed on their behalf.

● **INOCO**: The company has completed the acquisition of Rangoon Co from Monaco Group. It has also reached agreement in principle with an associate of Monaco Group Fund to acquire a portfolio of office, shop and commercial properties for about £5.25 million to be satisfied by the issue of 10 million ordinary shares at 50p each and the balance in cash.

● **IKED INTERNATIONAL**: The company is discussing with Norrlands Skogssagares Cellulosa the acquisition by the Swedish company of Reed's Midway division whose turnover for the year to March 31 was £42 million.

● **CORTON BEACH**: The company has acquired Asmo Motor Group. Volkswagen/Audi dealers based in Blackpool, for £100,000 satisfied by Corton Beach ordinary shares at 48p each.

● **TOWN CENTRE SECURITIES**: Final results to June 30 (figures in £000). Final dividend 0.7p (0.6p) making 1.1p (1p). Gross rental and investment income 6,837 (£728), group revenue before interest charges 4,709 (£482), profit before tax 3,016 (£263), profit attributable to shareholders 1,926 (£167), eps 2.13p (£1.79p).

● **BENNETT & FOUNTAIN GROUP**: The company has announced a 97.14 per cent take-up of new shares following the recent £4 million rights issue. Acceptances have been received for 20,271,750 new ordinary shares with the balance placed with institutional clients of Phillips & Drew, the brokers.

● **EGLINTON OIL AND GAS**: Six months to June 30 (figures in £m). Revenue for period 90,576 or £82,241 (£18,855), pre-tax loss 84,247 (£22,134 profit), loss per share £0.0033 (£0.0006).

● **NEW COURT TRUST**: Year to August 31. Final dividend 11p (10.125p) making 15.7p (14.25p), payable on December 18. Net turnover £6.70 million (£6.07 million), net revenue before tax £1.29 million (£1.039 million), net revenue after tax £849,238 (£721,343), eps 16.98p (£14.43p). Net asset value 595p (£491p).

● **HELICAL BAR**: Contracts have been exchanged for sale to RP Properties of 48 Chiswell Street, London EC1. Helical's share of a first payment next month is estimated to contribute a profit of £4.5 million pre-tax in the current year. Further payments due in 1987 will provide a similar amount of pre-tax profit to Helical in the year to January 31, 1988.

More company news is on page 28



NINE MONTHS' REVIEW

ASSURANCE

Strong progress

★ Improvement of £76.1m in unaudited operating profit before tax.

★ Good performance and growth in the United Kingdom.

★ Substantial growth in life business.

★ United States progress continues.

★ Satisfactory results achieved in other territories.

MAIN FEATURES OF RESULTS

	9 months 1986 Unaudited £m	9 months 1985 Unaudited £m	Year 1985 Actual £m
Total premium income	2,092.1	1,708.7	2,306.0
Life profits	58.2	48.6	80.3
Non-life operating result	14.0	(52.5)	(139.1)
Operating profit/(loss) before taxation	72.2	(3.9)	(58.8)
Taxation and minorities	(25.8)	(27.5)	(31.6)
Realised investment gains	56.0	39.6	59.9
Profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders	102.4	8.2	(30.5)
Earnings per share	24.82p	1.99p	(7.40)p
Shareholders' funds	£1,360m	£1,032m	£1,161m
Operating profit/(loss) before taxation	£m	£m	£m
United Kingdom	59.9	38.4	71.5
United States	(22.3)	(80.2)	(178.6)
Netherlands	37.6	26.6	38.8
Canada	8.3	6.2	5.6
Rest of the World	19.4	22.2	30.1
Interest on central borrowings	(30.7)	(17.1)	(26.2)
	72.2	(3.9)	(58.8)



ASSURANCE

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BRITISH STEEL:

£68m HALF-YEAR PROFIT-BUT UNCERTAINTIES CONTINUE

British Steel Chairman Robert Scholey yesterday reported a profit of £68 million for the six months to September 27, 1986, after interest but before taxation and exceptional items, which were not significant in the half-year.

Mr Scholey described the result as "further progress in the recovery of BSC at a time when restructuring of the industry in the ECSC remains incomplete."



UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED RESULTS

Half-year to 28/9/85	Full year to 29/3/86		Half-year to 27/9/86
£m	£m		£m
1725	3502	Turnover of UK operation	1511
52	130	Profit on ordinary activities before interest	77
(25)	(54)	Interest payable	(9)
27	76	Profit on ordinary activities after interest	68

Note: Exceptional items, taxation and minority interests were not significant in the half-year ended September 27, 1986.

Other key points from Mr Scholey's statement:

● Half-year profits reflect benefits from major projects brought on stream towards the end of last year, and from implementation of the rationalisation measures contained in the August, 1985, strategy. With continuing progress in improving efficiency, further gains were made in manufacturing costs.

● The weakening US dollar and consequent reduction in the sterling cost of raw materials and energy also contributed to the improvement in profit - but this benefit is being eroded with the recent resurgence of oil-related energy prices.

● The relining of the Redcar blast furnace at a cost of £50m was successfully completed and was the major factor affecting production levels in the half-year. During the relining, deliveries were maintained from a strategic stock of semi-finished material which had been built up during last year.

● Despite continuing progress in the half-year, prospects for the second-half are uncertain.

Against a flat, if not weakening European market demand for steel, there is increasing pressure from low-priced imports from the developing third world countries, often subsidised. This comes at a time when the European authorities appear intent on moving more quickly towards a quota-free market than is appropriate when capacity still substantially exceeds foreseeable demand. This problem of low-priced imports must be tackled successfully if liberalisation of the market is not to result in further price collapse with inevitable consequential losses. Margins are under increasing pressure from rising costs while sterling remains susceptible to significant fluctuations in exchange rates.

● All employed in the Corporation are fully aware of the urgent need to strive even harder to achieve greater efficiency, not only in reducing its cost base but, more particularly, in ensuring that it fully satisfies its customers' demands.

British Steel Corporation



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The Daily Telegraph, Saturday 31st December 1985.

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The results for the six months to 30th September, 1986, continue to show highly satisfactory progress. Net revenue before tax has advanced to £10,403,000 and, after tax, has increased by 25% to £6,883,000. An interim dividend of 2.5p per share (1985: 2p) has been declared and, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, a final dividend of not less than 4.6p will be paid, making a total for the year of at least 7.1p (1985: 6.6p).

During recent weeks, important properties have been purchased at 4/7 Chiswell Street, E.C.1, The Geco Centre, Orpington and 88/96 High Road, Wood Green, N.22, involving a total outlay of over £13 million. In addition, contracts have been exchanged for a large scheme of nearly 8 acres in Weybridge, where development should commence in June, 1987.

Richard Peskin - Chairman

INTERIM RESULTS FOR 1986

Unaudited revenue account	Half-year to 30.9.86 £'000	Half-year to 30.9.85 £'000	Year to 31.3.86 £'000
Rents receivable	12,845	10,294	21,224
Net revenue before tax	10,403	8,753	18,697
Net revenue after tax	6,883	5,502	11,854
Earnings per share	4.5p	3.8p	8.0p
Interim Dividend	2.5p	2.0p	-

The results for the six months to 30th September 1986 are based on the unaudited revenue account for the half-year ended 30th September 1986. The revenue account for the year ended 31st March 1986 is based on the audited revenue account for the year ended 31st March 1986.

GREAT PORTLAND ESTATES

PROPERTY INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Knighston House, 56 Mortimer Street, London W1N 8BD

General Accident

NINE-MONTHS' RESULTS

The results for the nine months ended 30th September 1986 estimated and unaudited are compared below with those for the similar period in 1985, which are restated at 31st December 1985 rates of exchange; also shown are the actual results for the full year 1985.

It must be emphasised that the results for the interim period do not usually provide a reliable indication of those for the full year.

	9 Months to 30.9.86 £ millions	9 Months to 30.9.85 £ millions	Year 1985 £ millions
Premium Income			
General Business	1,600.0	1,236.6	1,691.3
Long Term Business	142.5	156.3	205.0
	1,742.5	1,392.9	1,896.3
Investment Income	218.4	187.9	256.7
Underwriting			
General Business Result	(134.5)	(183.2)	(237.0)
Long Term Business Profit	7.2	6.5	8.8
	91.1	11.2	28.5
Less Interest on Loans	1.7	1.5	2.0
Profit before Taxation	89.4	9.7	26.5
Taxation - UK and Overseas	5.4	(5.9)	(10.0)
Minority Interests and Preference Dividend	1.5	1.6	2.0
Net Profit attributable to Shareholders	82.5	14.0	34.5
Earnings per Ordinary Share	45.1p	8.3p	20.5p
Principal exchange rates used in translating overseas results			
U.S.A.	\$1.45	\$1.45	\$1.45
Canada	\$2.01	\$2.02	\$2.02

ANALYSIS BY TERRITORY OF GENERAL BUSINESS PREMIUM INCOME AND UNDERWRITING RESULT (before internal reinsurance)

	9 months to 30.9.86 £m	9 months to 30.9.85 £m	Year 1985 £m
U.K.	531.2	(48.9)	(58.6)
U.S.A.	662.3	(55.7)	(82.7)
EEC other than U.K.	100.9	(15.7)	(12.2)
Canada	197.8	(5.4)	(18.9)
Australia	26.9	(3.6)	(2.3)
Others, including London Market Business	148.9	(5.2)	(8.5)
	1,600.0	(134.5)	(183.2)

Net written premiums and investment income increased in sterling terms by 29.4% and 16.2% respectively. The 1986 figures include the results of Pilot Insurance of Canada for the first time. Adjusted to exclude the effects of currency fluctuations and Pilot the increases were 22.2% and 10.4% respectively.

In the third quarter there were underwriting losses of £26.2m (1985 £55.3m loss) of which £12.1m (1985 £15.3m loss) occurred in the United Kingdom and £14.1m (1985 £25.9m loss) in the United States. In the aggregate other territories produced underwriting losses of £8.7m (1985 £14.1m loss). The pre tax profit for the quarter amounted to £38.9m (1985 £11.9m profit).

For the nine months in the United Kingdom there was a loss of £48.9m (1985 £58.6m loss). Losses in the Motor account increased to £26.3m (1985 £18.1m loss). Improvement in the Homeowners account was maintained with a profit for the quarter reducing the loss to £8.9m (1985 £9.4m loss). Experience in the Commercial Property Account was similar to that for the half year with a nine month loss of £9.6m (1985 £21.5m loss).

For the nine months net premiums written in the United States totalled \$873m (1985 \$727m) with an operating ratio of 108.76% as compared with 116.41% for the same period in 1985. On the United Kingdom accounting basis the underwriting loss was £53.7m (1985 £82.7m loss). Improvement was seen in all lines except Private Auto where results were little changed from 1985.

Elsewhere there were aggregate losses of £29.9m (1985 £41.9m loss). There was continued improvement in many territories including Canada. The Australian result shows deterioration having been influenced by large fire and weather related claims. Results in Netherlands and New Zealand deteriorated as did Ireland which was affected by storm damage in the quarter.

New annual life premiums for life business in the United Kingdom in the first nine months of 1986 were £21.9m (1985 £19.7m), and single premiums £22.9m (1985 £43.4m).

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COMPANY NEWS

SIME DARBY BERHAD: SO Holding Bhd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of SDB, has entered into an agreement with United Estate Projects for the purchase of the entire issued and paid-up share capital of Subang Jaya Medical Centre, comprising 20.4 million ordinary shares of 1 ringgit (81.00 or 69p) each, for a total cash consideration of \$2.268 million.

PLANTATION TRUST COMPANY: Williamson Tea Holdings has purchased a further 25,000 ordinary shares. Its total interest is now 330,000 ordinary shares (7.57 per cent).

BULFERS: The company has entered into a conditional agreement to acquire a large quantity of Arts, a manufacturer and retailer of framed pictures, framed mirrors and wardrobe mirror doors, for a total consideration comprising an initial £1.025 million.

TARMAC: Tarmac Building Products has purchased BP Agaseal, which had net assets of about £7 million at the end of 1985. Agaseal, based at Kingsnorth, Kent, produces and markets roofing felt, lag bitumen and a complete range of bituminous and other solutions and compounds used in the building industry.

RAUMA-REPOLA OY: Mr. Tarmo Mäkelä has been appointed managing director and president of the group from January 1987.

MILFORD DOCKES COMPANY: The board announced it has received an approach from a third party which could lead to a merger.

GREAT PORTLAND ESTATES: Dividend payable January 14.

CHARTEHALL: The company, through a wholly-owned subsidiary, has acquired further shares in Lookers and is now beneficially interested in 1,220,000 shares (14.95 per cent). Total cash consideration for the further shares was about £800,000.

GORDON RUSSELL: County Securities announces the placing of 2,900,000 ordinary shares of 5p each at 190p. At the placing price Gordon Russell is capitalized at £17.3 million. Dealings are expected to commence on November 19. Brokers to the issue are Rowe and Pluman. The new shares will raise about £2.6 million after expenses and will be used to reduce bank borrowings.

CRONITE GROUP: No dividend (nil) for the year to September 30. Figures in £000s. Turnover 16,769 (18,787). Profit 1,010 (795). Interest 406 (387). No tax (nil). Earnings per share 10.4p (7.3p). Fully diluted earnings per share 8.6p (6.4p).

EXTERNAL INVESTMENT TRUST: Results for the six months to September 30. Interim dividend 7.5p (6.0p). Income from investments - franked 722,438 (479,752), unfranked 193,770 (233,690). Dividend interest 154,261 (46,616). Net revenue before tax 1,102,204 (721,048). Tax 343,628 (240,444). Earnings per share 11.48p (7.28p).

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates close	Market rates close	1 month	3 months
NY 1.4245-1.4275	1.4250-1.4285	0.81-0.82p	1.85-1.87p
London 1.4245-1.4275	1.4250-1.4285	0.81-0.82p	1.85-1.87p
Amsterd 1.4245-1.4275	1.4250-1.4285	0.81-0.82p	1.85-1.87p
Brussels 1.4245-1.4275	1.4250-1.4285	0.81-0.82p	1.85-1.87p
Frankfurt 1.4245-1.4275	1.4250-1.4285	0.81-0.82p	1.85-1.87p
Paris 1.4245-1.4275	1.4250-1.4285	0.81-0.82p	1.85-1.87p
Madrid 1.4245-1.4275	1.4250-1.4285	0.81-0.82p	1.85-1.87p
Barcelona 1.4245-1.4275	1.4250-1.4285	0.81-0.82p	1.85-1.87p
Geneva 1.4245-1.4275	1.4250-1.4285	0.81-0.82p	1.85-1.87p
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Market rates close	Market rates close	1 month	3 months
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Australia 1.4245-1.4275	1.4250-1.4285	0.81-0.82p	1.85-1.87p
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India 1.4245-1.4275	1.4250-1.4285	0.81-0.82p	1.85-1.87p
Italy 1.4245-1.4275	1.4250-1.4285	0.81-0.82p	1.85-1.87p
Japan 1.4245-1.4275	1.4250-1.4285	0.81-0.82p	1.85-1.87p
South Africa 1.4245-1.4275	1.4250-1.4285	0.81-0.82p	1.85-1.87p
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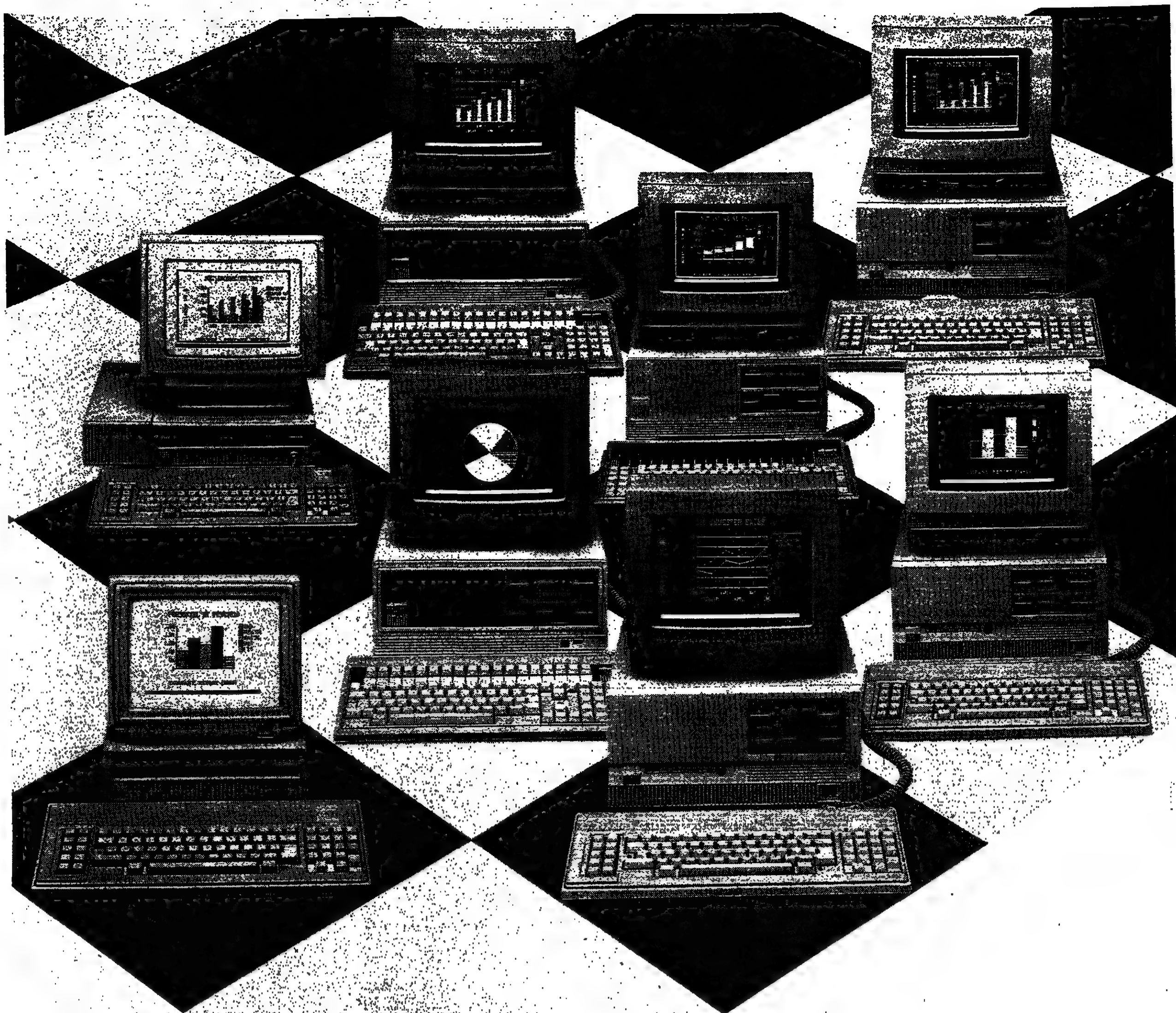
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Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Settle
Dec 86	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30
Jan 87	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30
Feb 87	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30
Mar 87	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30
Apr 87	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30
May 87	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30
Jun 87	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30
Jul 87	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30
Aug 87	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30
Sep 87	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30
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Nov 87	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30
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May 89	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30
Jun 89	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30
Jul 89	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30	88.30
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31	Porter Chadburn	Industrial L-R	Gold
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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

November 13, 1986

As a head-hunter myself, it comes as no surprise to me that some companies and their consultants are prepared at least to consider legalistic ways of "beating the poacher". Consequently, there is a small but significant movement of opinion in favour of introducing restrictive clauses into top managers' employment contracts.

Head-hunters deliberately seek out the very best executives, particularly those already doing well and achieving success. Employers quite naturally feel threatened by this strategy, because, unlike, say, advertised vacancies, it does not rely on any initiative on the part of the employee, stimulated, for example, by boredom or unhappiness. And, by and large, employers accept that dissatisfied staff, if their problems cannot be resolved, are best allowed to leave gracefully.

However, with head-hunting, even the contented, busy man or

woman may be approached if good enough. But what is often overlooked by the anxious employer is that for every 20 approaches made to individuals, only one is going to lead to a career change. People are also naturally loyal - looked-after managers do not move unless the advantages are substantial indeed.

Furthermore, the adoption by companies of special contractual arrangements - so-called restrictive covenants - to fend off head-hunters by deterring key staff from leaving, has actually had rather limited success outside the statutory monopolies such as (ironically) the legal profession itself.

Certainly a covenant couched in obtuse legal jargon stands little chance of being "sold" to individuals. But even if a cosmetically more appealing covenant is drawn up, are such legal agreements necessarily good for employees or good for their employers?

After all, for every company that loses an employee, another



Restrictions such as contracts to fend off head-hunting should be replaced by company rewards, says John Richards

one gains. And new staff generally equal good news, not bad, as they should bring a fresh approach and new ideas to the organization. The recent staffing-up in the City is a case in point, as financial institutions seek out the innovators in their fields to introduce major operational and strategic changes. Building societies, insurance companies and banks have been deliberately recruiting innovative,

more risk-taking men and women with sound commercial skills who can successfully take an organization into the new markets opened up next year.

Evidence for this can be found in the recent wave of "declearing" redundancy programmes by banks and building societies to make room for younger, more aggressive executives. Indeed, I would predict the slow

demise of the home-grown manager in this sector and instead expect many financial institutions to be contributing to, and hiring from, a common pool of senior and even middle management.

But by preventing the movement of such employees - attracted by advertised vacancies, head-hunted or otherwise - contractual arrangements are bound to create inertia and prevent natural management evolution taking place. After all, training home-grown managers takes time and sometimes head-hunting from outside is the only effective way of filling the gap.

Ultimately, restrictive clauses are an artificial way of keeping good staff. The "golden handcuffs" of company pensions have done enough to block the mobility of executives in Britain compared with their US counterparts. Restrictive covenants will only exacerbate this problem by introducing yet another means of

clamping individuals to the organizational wheel. Management recruitment practice in the United States is hardly a panacea for all our ills, but the Americans' hire-and-fire practice does at least ensure that individual managers stay on their toes and up to date in their fields. Not surprisingly, restrictive covenants are practically unheard of in the United States, and a healthy head-hunting industry has not harmed US companies either.

Contractual barriers to stop people leaving are also an exceedingly lazy way of managing. If companies want to hang on to precious staff, should they not be thinking about more carrot and less stick? Or, to adapt a marketing phrase, giving "more pull and less push"?

So rather than bringing in the lawyers, employers worried about losing key executives should take a

long hard look at their reward structures. Our experience has shown that the good old-fashioned rewards for proven success - regular pay reviews, profit-sharing and incentive schemes - continue to be extremely powerful motivational tools.

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Inevitably, in time, various high-calibre staff, across a range of management functions, will move on - some after a relatively short period but most after at least five years' service. Recognizing this, companies should not despair, nor should they seek legal protection. After all, someone even better may just be waiting to be snapped up.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

THE MACAULAY LAND USE RESEARCH INSTITUTE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR

In July 1986 the Secretary of State for Scotland announced his intention of amalgamating the Hill Farming Research Organisation (HFRO) and the Macaulay Institute for Soil Research (MISR) into a new institute to be located at Bucksburn, Aberdeen. It will be known as The Macaulay Land Use Research Institute.

The Steering Committee set up to have oversight of the establishment of the new Institute now invites applications for the post of Institute Director, which will be based in Aberdeen.

The Institute will be funded by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for Scotland within the Agricultural and Food Research Service. It will conduct a programme of research on agricultural and related land uses in the hills, uplands and marginal areas of Britain. There will be a particular emphasis on interactions and systems development, so as to provide the basis for resource management decisions taking account of environmental, economic and social inter-relationships. In addition, the Institute will characterise the soil resources of lowland Scotland. The Institute will be expected to collaborate closely with a range of other research organisations and to seek appropriate contract research.

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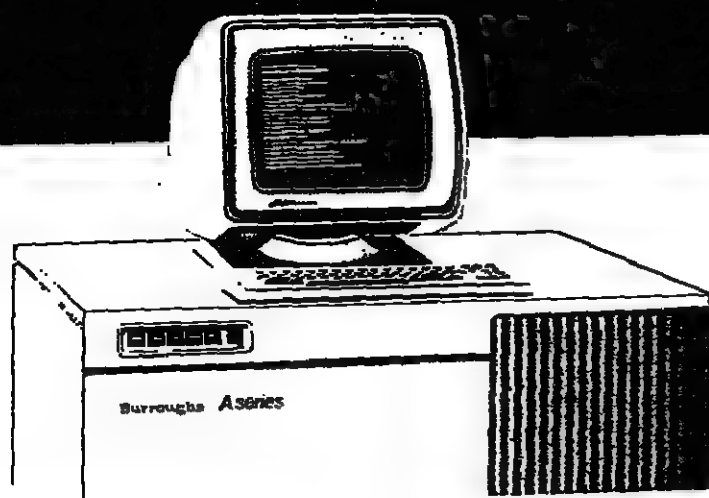
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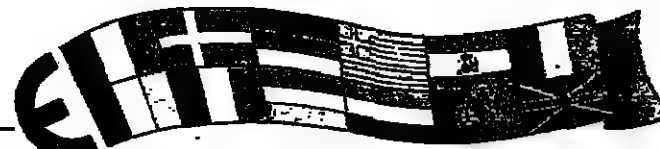
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A case of practice and more practice as a new Test series opens

From John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent
Brisbane

On recent evidence, the side which loses the toss in the first Test match between England and Australia, starting tomorrow, will need to be saved by rain. Such has been the overwhelming advantage since the mid-seventies of having the chance to bowl first, while the pitch is still green and fresh, on the Woolloongabba Ground.

The figures speak for themselves. In the last eight Tests to have been played here, all at this time of year, seven sides have put the opposition in, of whom six have won easily. When, in 1983, Pakistan departed from the now accepted practice by opting for bat, they were bowled out for 156, to which Australia replied with 309 for seven. And the pitch for the start of these latest "clashes for the Ashes" — the name given to them by the Packer lot — was just as thickly grassed yesterday as all the others must be.

Cricket, I know, is not the predictable game I am making it sound. But, in Brisbane, an awful lot does seem to have come to depend on the spin of a coin. Last November, New Zealand, given the chance to field first, soon had Australia out for 179; the year before that, West Indies did the same for 175. It is twelve years since a side batting first reached 300 in the first innings of a Brisbane Test, and nine Test matches since they won one.

In such circumstances, both sides may be expected to say a prayer as the toss is being made tomorrow, and to weight their attacks with seam and swing. The places most in doubt in the England side are the opening partner for Broad (whether Athey or Slack), the wicket-keeper (whether Richards or French), and the fourth fast bowler (whether Small or Foster). It is more likely in each case to be the first of the two. I am sorry that Gower has not, by now, been made a tour selector; not because he is said to be in need of motivation but simply out of consideration.

With such concern over the batting, French may find himself passed over, as he used to be for Downton, in the greater expectation of runs from Richards. If so, it will mean a first cap for Richards, something which DeFreitas, though not Whitaker, seems sure to win.

In his only first-class innings of the tour, Whitaker scored one of the two first-class hundreds to have been made. Yet, to fit him in tomorrow, would mean breaking up the Gatting-Lamb-Gower-Botham axis, which there is an understandable

Stewart dismisses Press claims

The England team manager, Mickey Stewart, defended the tourists from Australian Press claims that team morale was low on the eve of the first Test match. He also dismissed reports of poor discipline as nonsense.

But England's 90-minute net session, at which some of their leading fast bowlers were present, contrasted sharply with Australia's vigorous workout yesterday.

It is extraordinary how, for the moment, the psychological balance between the sides has changed since they met last, less than 15 months ago. You will remember Gower, then England's captain, standing on the balcony at the Oval and saying, with a smile, how the West Indians would be "quaking in their boots". Never in the long history of Anglo-Australian matches had England scored so many runs so freely: Gatting and Gower had been sated with them; Robinson had been almost equally prolific, and in that very match, Gooch had made 196.

Border, for his part, could find hardly a good word to say for his defeated, and demoralized, side. Now, despite the continued absence in South Africa of several of Australia's best cricketers, and although they have won only one of

their twelve intervening Test matches, Border talks warmly of his players' response to his captaincy. Bobby Simpson, Australia's recently appointed cricket manager and an undoubtedly shrewd influence, fosters the propaganda. It is Gatting's turn to try and rally his troops.

The shift was noticeable, I felt, in the way the two sides practised yesterday. While Australia had a thorough work-out at the Gabba, England gave anyone who wanted it the day off. In the event, all except DeFreitas, Dilley, Botham, Small and Broad chose to have a net. However, England have been practising, and I am assured they have not spared themselves, there seemed to me to be a need to keep at it, especially after such a poor performance against Western Australia, and to be seen to be doing so.

But, because absorbing Test series are as much about excitement as quality, I have high hopes for this one. The fact that it is possible to see it as being for Test cricket's wooden spoon as well as for the Ashes will soon be forgotten as two keenly matched sides strive for ascendancy.

It would be a pity if, at the very outset, the toss were to give one side or the other an unearned advantage but it obviously could, especially in weather such as yesterday, which was heavily clouded. That is another thing about Brisbane: you never know from one day to the next what the skies will bring — all the more reason, perhaps, why it would have been more sensible to have had a full practice yesterday.

Picking over some old bones in Vulture Street

By Simon Wilde

It has to be said the oases are not propitious for England in the first Test match tomorrow. Indeed, it is not inappropriate that the Woolloongabba Ground, Brisbane, before recent modernization Australia's staunchest Test arena, should be situated in Vulture Street, because, for English cricket at any time, it is as sinister as a graveyard.

England's playing record at the Gabba is disastrous. Since 1946, they have lost six matches, drawn three and won only one during the Packer period. Not only that, when playing there their batsmen fail in a manner which can only be described as contemptuous, while their bowlers generally enjoy the cruellest of luck.

One of the first things to be said about Brisbane is the weather. Around the time of year that it hosts Test matches, particularly ones involving England, there is a tendency for thunderstorms of tropical intensity to burst overhead suddenly.

These do not simply affect the outcome of the Tests drastically; they do so with a partiality which has to be admitted. Only one has ever contrived a loss for Australia.

At the Gabba in 1959, England actually lost to Australia, yet still lost. Their heroic efforts on a glop-pot of a pitch (68 for seven declared and 122) were considerably better than those of their opponents (32 for seven declared and 228, a poor total on the then perfect pitch, proved decisive. It had been a similar story on the previous tour: England caught on a spitting wicket after a particularly violent temper; Australia already safe with a score of 645 behind them.

That was the occasion of Bradman's comeback to Test cricket after a long illness and the war. He had 28 runs as he certainly, apparently good luck to him at the second slip, but stayed his ground and the umpire gave him not out. He went on to score 187.

That is another characteristic of Brisbane — England's luck with the umpires. Similar incidents were to occur at Brisbane early in the innings of 166 by Lawry, who appeared to give a catch to the wicket-keeper, and 287 by Stockpile, who survived a confident run-out appeal.

If anyone thinks that, in this age of covered pitches, there is no longer any need for England to worry about the malevolence of the elements, then they are mistaken. In 1974-75, the side led by Denness arrived at the Gabba two days before the Test to find the pitch little more than a mass of black mud. The square, being on a gentle slope, needed careful protection from the customary downpour but had plainly not been on the occasion.

Denness and his players then beheld the resounding sight of Clem Jones, the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, undertaking the duties of acting-captain as he had recently sacked the groundsman. Mr Jones, sporting a yellow safety-helmet, rigorously applied the heavy roller

before the mud could dry and succeeding in creating a ridge at the southern end. This, the Australian fast bowlers — England, alas, did not have any of similar pace — were to exploit to lethal effect. Of the 35 wickets in the match, 24 fell at this southern end, and, of these, 16 belonged to England, who also lost Edrich and Ames with broken hands. It was also the moment at which Thomson announced his sensational arrival on the Test scene.

Perhaps there is a reason for England's failure at the Gabba. Brisbane has been the venue for the first Test of a full series between the two countries in Australia for the past 50 years (with the exception of 1982-83, when it staged the second), and is an opening encounter, the initiative usually lies with the visitors. They may be of proven Test match experience, or they may be new and unfamiliar; either way, the batsmen, who can afford only the one error, must treat them with early circumspection. This does not explain why it is Australia,

rather than England, who usually gain the swift psychological advantage at Brisbane. Before Lillee and Thomson were doing it, Lindwall and Miller were there to force England batsmen on to the back foot for the hurried stroke. Now is England's present vulnerability at the top of the order anything new. They have only once made an effective start at the Gabba; in 1970-71 when Boycott and Luckhurst put on 92 for the first wicket in a total of 464, comfortably England's best on the ground. Just two batsmen have scored centuries for them there: Leyland (126 in 1936-37) and Greig (110 in 1974-75).

The first Test ever played in Brisbane was at the Exhibition Ground in 1928. England won, by a record margin of 675 runs. But, with remarkable precision and before England could tear again, the Queensland Cricket Association then moved to the Gabba. England regained the Ashes there during the bodyline series of 1932-33, and was again in 1936-37, but that was to be the end of their fortune.

Testing times: Gatting, the England captain, wears the expression of concern brought about by doubts over batting ability, both personal and collective, before tomorrow's Test match

White Crusader wins and sails into third place

From Keith Wheatley, Fremantle

White Crusader has moved up to third place in the America's Cup elimination series. The British 12-metre had a sound win over Eagle, of the United States, in a light-weather race. Dennis Comer lost to the Canadians, his second defeat in successive days, and the British team moved up to take his place in the battle for the Louis Vuitton Cup.

The match between Comer and the Toronto skipper, Terry Neilson, aged 28, was the highlight of the day. The lead changed twice and Neilson worked hard and sailed well for his win. He has hardened up since Harold Cudmore panicked him into losing the closest match in America's Cup history.

Comer won the start by 3sec but Canada II looked a better yacht in the soft but steady 11 knot breeze. At the top mark she was 31sec ahead of Stars and Stripes. Comer's decisions about where to sail looked as erratic as they did yesterday against White Crusader. On the downhill run it was straight boatspeed from Canada II that put them 53sec ahead at the first leeward mark. Thereafter, the breeze freshened and Comer began to concentrate. The lead changed on the third beat after an immense tacking duel. At the top mark it was 18sec to Comer and hearts from Vancouver to Halifax began to sink.

Neilson took 10 seconds out of the Stars and Stripes' lead downwind, gybing out to the edge of the course to find a better breeze. Up the final work, in a much softer wind, the same tactics paid off. Neilson worked the right side of the course like a veteran, never surrendering the advantage of coming to the line on starboard tack. At the finish he was 29sec in front of Comer and that was all that mattered for the jubilant Canadians.

Canada's win over the rapidly mounting Eagle was thorough. Crusader was more than 1min ahead at the top mark and she was able to increase that margin with every subsequent leg. Rod Davis never looked as if he had the whistpost to challenge the British, whose yacht, although optimized for heavy weather, seems to have been pushing through the soft stuff better than most.

A new spar, to replace the one damaged last week, was just been flown to Perth. Meanwhile the stand-in mast taken from the spare yacht is proving surprising effective. "It's not as good as the wrecked mast but much better than I expected," Cudmore said. In practical terms the mainsail sets as well as with the 2000-series mast, but when you're crashing through waves it doesn't have such good tensile characteristics.

Racing finishes for White Crusader after today's race against French Kiss. The struggle in the coming two weeks is going to be against the Royal Perth Yacht Club and its interpretation that a new keel must be cast in the country of the syndicate's origin.

Ian Howard, a development programme for White Crusader calls for substantial changes underwater. If the new keel cannot be fabricated in Fremantle, it will have to be airfreighted from London. Ian Murray, at the helm of Kookaburra III, passed his yacht to a substantial lead at the head of the defender series after another solid win over Australia IV. Of the three encounters between them, two have gone to the Parry yacht. Murray's sailing has been near faultless. He seems an ideal blend of the cautious, conservative match-race helmsman and the risk-taker who can turn a lost race around.

Once again Kookaburra III looked to be sailed just that killer fraction better than Australia IV. The variation of times on the different legs indicated that there was little to choose in the supposed difference between the two yachts. When the match began, the breeze had risen to 15 knots from just south of west. It was a pushy, aggressive starting sequence.

Both skippers rogged their yachts hard up the first beat after Beasly had won the start by 4sec. As the breeze hardened and settled, Kookaburra III opened her stride and rounded the top mark 13sec in front. The margin opened up steadily on the next two legs, a run and then a beat. But as the breeze faltered in the mid-afternoon, so did the lead. Beasly was to pull the seconds back. It is a puzzle that although Ben Lexcen and the syndicate executive director, Warren Jones, have consistently talked of Australia IV as the team's heavy-weather contender, she has almost revelled in the light stuff being served up off Fremantle.

Downwind Beasly was able to find something extra and at the 3rd leeward mark the gap was just one boatlength, around 10sec. Up the final work Beasly knew he had no choice but to try something new, hunt out a fresh breeze, while Murray sailed conservatively and comfortably, hugging the right-hand side of the course.

Australia IV's gamble failed to come off and at the finish they were an enormous margin, 3min 18sec, behind the Parry yacht.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Australian gulf is simply too wide

Perhaps all the cries of shock, horror, alarm and despondency about Great Britain's disasters against Australia are misplaced and exaggerated. It may be after all that Maurice Bamford need not take the veil or jump ship to South America in a red beard and dark spectacles to start a new life.

Perhaps the simple truth of the matter is that, given the organization and tenure of the game in the two countries, defeat was always inevitable. An analytical look at the facts endorses this apparently defeatist but pragmatic point of view. In New South Wales and Queensland, rugby league is the top "winter" sport, with the Australian winter seeming to be much warmer than our summer. Rugby Union has managed since to challenge the league code in popularity, but ironically, this helps the cause of league, since the Wallabies tend to favour the fast-handling type of game which makes converts like Mike O'Connor adapt easily to the techniques and demands of the professional game.

In Sydney and Brisbane, the strongholds of the game, youngsters start playing virtually as soon as they are out of nappies. On big match days there is a carnival atmosphere, with the festivities starting early in the morning as the seven, eight and 11-year-olds play competitive matches.

Competitive rugby continues throughout junior, senior and high school levels. Again, whether the game is union or league, the standards are immensely high, with Australian high school teams showing such pace and handling ability that the top young players are ready for reserve grade rugby at professional level before they have left school.

The top league, the Sydney

RUGBY LEAGUE DIARY

Keith Macklin

Competition, pays its leading players sufficient money for many of them to become full-time professionals, concentrating on fitness and skills while leaving the outside jobs that are often just cosmetic entries in identity cards and work permits.

Big names such as Peter Sterling, Wally Lewis and Mal Meninga, pick their fees, appear on match bills and the occasional "backhanders" on a transfer, but full-time application to rugby league is impossible and offers an uncertain future.

During the past few years, through the staunch efforts of the Rugby League's director of coaching, Phil Larder, have genuine coaching schemes been introduced to find, monitor and groom the best schoolboy and youth talent. Yet, far too many junior schools, even in thriving rugby league areas do not include the game in their sporting curriculum. Nevertheless, there are signs that the momentum is increasing, and universities and colleges are taking to the game in rapidly increasing numbers.

larded, but the club would seek a reduction in Elia's fee, or an extension of his playing period in England. He is due to return home in late March.

Elia aggravated the injury playing on it at the end of the New Zealand season. His home body said they knew of the injury, but were told it was almost better when he flew to Britain.

FOOTBALL: SOUTHPORT, CUP WHIPPING BOYS, RELISH ROLE OF THE UNDERDOG

Cash hitch blocks Cohen deal

By Paul Newman

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Southport's manager, Bryan Griffiths, Southport's manager, remembers what such matches are like, having been a Southport player himself in the early 1960s.

"You don't relish the thought of these games at all," he said. "The other side will be throwing everything at you and you'll have to really battle to win. But it's almost impossible not to let complacency creep in and it's very difficult to motivate players. That's when upset happens."

"At our level, getting through the qualifying rounds is difficult but now that we're through the pressure is off us and on Southport. We have everything to gain and they have everything to lose."

"We can get a bit of glory and help the club financially if we win and I'm sure we can match Southport if we play to the full extent of our ability. They've watched us three or four times so their obviously worried."

Southport experienced traumatic times in the years immediately after their departure from

When defeat holds no fears

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the League. Deprived of the regular cash hand-outs from League funds, they latched on to one financial crisis to another and twice went to the brink of extinction. In recent times, however, the future has started to look brighter. "We're still feeling the effects of the financial problems we had in the League but the present board of directors are slowly but surely getting the club's house in order," Griffiths said.

Performances on the field have also improved. Under Griffiths, an experienced and successful manager with a number of non-League clubs in the Liverpool area, Southport finished sixth in the Melfort League last season and reached the last 16 of the FA Trophy for the first time.

Home attendances, which rarely top 500 for league games, went up to more than 2,000 during that Trophy run. Southport enjoyed their most successful time since League days. Telford United and Scarborough were among their victims before they finally went out to another GM Vauxhall Conference club, Kid

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Technicalities like wind pressure and structural stress are probably unavoidable in films like *Skyscraper* (Channel 4, 8.00pm), with which the *Equinox* season of popular science documentaries continues to end. But nobody remains po-faced in it for long and, sure enough, there are enthusiastic engineers and construction managers and architects in tonight's film who commend skyscrapers to us in a way that even all understand while not perhaps all agree. For example, they insist that tall thin girls are more fun to look at than short fat ones. And we are introduced to the short, fat, Jewish architect who categorizes flat-topped skyscrapers as "unfeminized," and those with more ornate tops as "uncircumcised." There is a strong element of *plus ça change* in Kari Sabbagh's

vertigo-inducing firm because it begins with views of some of San Geminiano's 70 medieval towers which the nobility put up to outdo one another, and ends with views of the modern city's century corporate HQ buildings. There is no less a symbol of materialistic greed and avarice. As for the future of the skyscraper, the skyscemes — literally — to be the limit. The tallest at present is the Sears Tower in Chicago, but plans are well advanced for one twice as high in Manhattan. The layout needs some help in envisaging such a monster, and *Equinox* provides it. If the 500-storey skyscraper had its feet in London's Hyde Park, it would cast a shadow the size of the London Town. It comes as no surprise, therefore, that the name of the developer

• No Bag of Roses (EBCC, 8.20pm), this week's *Brass Tacks* documentary, is not at all encouraging about the new system we have devised for dealing with mental health. But, the film us – taking them out of institutions and putting them back into the community. The philosophy behind it seems rock-solid. A caring society ought to have no place for the "wounded warriors" techniques to be found in many mainstream films. But, the film argues strongly, community care implies a caring community, and enough examples of public indifference and hostility are quoted tonight to make it clear that what works in theory does not necessarily work in practice. Co-protesters in hospital too many patients end up being

underprotected in the community. The most distressing feature of the new experiment, reflected time and again in David Taylor's report, is that the heaviest weight of responsibility for the welfare of the most vulnerable minority has been capped falls on their relatives, and that in the rush to protect the human rights of the patients, the rights of families are being overlooked.

● Radio choice: The Price of Advice (Radio 4, 8.10pm). John Peel's new weekly radio series, the hard-pressed Citizens Advice Bureaux, is a first-rate piece of radio journalism. There is a much detailed about politics and hard-nosed economics as there is about the human impact. Inevitably, it underlines the little-understood activities of these helpline hands.

Things to come ? Half-mile-high Manhattan skyscraper. Equinox, C4, 8.00pm



- 6.30 **Ceecee AHL.**
- 6.30 **The Flintstones.** Cartoon series. (r) 6.55 **Weather.**
- 7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jerry Faxman. National and international news. 10.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; regional news and travel at 7.15, 7.45, 8.15 and 8.45; weather at 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55.
- 9.05 **Package Tour.** A 40 Minutes documentary following British holidaymakers travelling to Cornwall. (r) 9.45 **Advice Shop.** Margo MacDonald examines the social security appeals system. 10.00 **Neighbours.** (r)
- 10.25 **Phil and Schofield** with news of children's television programmes, and birthday greetings 10.30 **Play School.** (r) 10.50 **Night's Cat.** (r)
- 10.55 **Phil Davies.** Alan Bennett with a thought for the day 10.00 **Food and Drink.** A repeat of Tuesday's programme which included chef Michael Quinn cooking for a week for two partners on the 22nd if they put aside for food. 11.35 **Open Air.** Viewers' comments.
- 12.25 **Blackweek.** Tony Sopar and Nick Davies, with Bill Oddie, come here from the Whitlow Trust, Strimbridge. 12.55 **Regional news** and weather.
- 1.00 **News** with Marty'n Lewis. **Weather** 1.25 **Neighbours.** **Weekday soap** set in Melbourne suburb 1.50 **Animal Fair** with Don Spencer.
- 2.00 **Film: 833 Squadron** (1964) starring Cliff Robertson. **Second World War** drama about RAF's attempts to destroy a seemingly impregnable factory in Norway producing fuel for German V2 rockets. Directed by Walter E. Graubard. 3.30 **The Pink Panther Show.** Cartoons.
- 3.50 **Scragg** and his Tee-time Telly 4.05 **Laurel** and Hardy. **Cartoon** version. (r) 4.10 **News** from the Caribbean. **Bringing Down Michael**

Barrymore with the story of The Snyest Man in the World
 4.55 *James Earl Ray: The Greatest Hero of Them All* 4.35
 Robinson begins a series on the Greek legends 4.35
 4.55 *Dungeons and Dragons*. (r) John Crooner's *Newsworld* and 5.05 *Blue Peter* includes a recap of the details concerning the 1986 Appeal. (Coefax) 5.35
 6.00 *News* with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather. 6.35 *London Plus*.
 7.00 *Top of the Pops* presented by EastEnders. Kevin makes an admission to his father. (Coefax)
 8.00 *Tomorrow's World*. The programme includes items on a new vibration test for helicopters; a new device to help the indoor designer; a Scandinavian-designed tree house; the potential for an injection of cows; and making nuclear reactors safer.
 8.30 *The Kenny Everett Show* featuring *Hot Gossip*. (Coefax)
 9.00 *The Kenny Everett Show* with John Humphrys and Frances Coad. Regional news and weather.
 9.30 *Just Good Friends*. A new series begins with Penny and Vince meeting for the first time in *Wuthers in Paris*. Will the romantic ambience re-kindle their feelings for each other? (Coefax)
 10.00 *Crimewatch* UP presented by Nicky Katt and Sue Cook. The programme includes reconstructions of an armed robbery and the kidnapping of a young boy.
 10.40 *Game Time*. Sir Robin Day's guests are Lady Antonia Fraser and MPs Donald Dewar, Douglas Hurd, and Roy Jenkins.
 11.40 *Crimewatch* Up-date 11.50
 11.55 *Newsnight* By-election Special. A *Newsnight* special analysing the Knowles North by-election result. Ends at 12.00

9.00 **Cee-tee.**
9.52 **Daytime on Two:** A-level statistics - **10.15** Science - **10.30** The changing roles of 20th century women **1.00** Keeping warm **1.15** Parents - do consider the impact their baby will have on their lives **11.40** A young Belfast lad is sent to live in London **12.00**
12.12 **Basin:** Spanish language skills **12.30** French for absolute beginners **12.45** The senses **1.05** A French multi-media course **1.30** Hodgepodge **2.00** The story of Charles Macintosh who invented the **Mac** **2.15** Music - keeping together.
2.35 **International Tennis.** The Benson and Hedges Championships. **3.55** Regional news and weather.
4.00 **Pamela Armstrong.** Weird and wonderful examples of how telephones are to be seen this afternoon; and the phenomenal success of 'phone-in' programmes is illustrated by Roger Vincent of Radio London, and John Whale of Radio Aire. Among the other guests are the delightful Cyd Charisse, currently appearing in *Charley Girl*.
4.30 **International Tennis.** Further coverage of the action at the Wembley Arena.
5.30 **Film 66.** Among the films presented is Nicolas Roeg's 'castaway'. (r)
6.00 **Star Trek.** Captain Kirk has to contend with a *lethal* plague that threatens the entire crew of the Enterprise.
6.50 **What on Earth?** The first of a new series of the wildlife quiz, presented by Jeremy Charles. The experts putting their knowledge on the line are Michael Clegg, Lionel Kellaway, Peter Moore, and Pat Withshire.
7.15 **100 Great Sporting Moments.** The *Wimbledon* 'Court in a March 1971' between Henry Cooper and Joe Bugner.

9.25 **Thames news headlines.**
9.30 **Schools:** behind the scenes in a supermarket. **10.05** The story of **Howard of Everyman**.
9.54 **Why plants are important for breathing.** 10.11 **Excerpts from the film, It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet** 10.15 **How the bloodstream** 10.40 **How designers choose materials from the vast number available** 1.03 **Part two of the mystery story** 1.08 **Magnus** 1.17 **Waiting for** **Our 11.20 Decisions involved in making a television programme** 11.37 **How We Live: The Children's Charter.**
12.00 **Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends.** (12.10 **Puddle Lane.** **Puppet series, with Neil Innes** 12.15 **Richard and Judy** 12.20 **Kate Lee** 12.30 **The Sullivan's.**
1.00 **News at One** with **Leonard Perkins** 1.20 **With a**
1.30 **Falcon Crest.** **Drama serial** 1.40 **News at Two** 1.50 **The matriarch of a California grape-growing dynasty** 2.25 **Home Cookery Club.** **Beet'** 1.55 **Pineapple Kebabs.**
2.30 **News at Three.** **Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on AIDS and screening, among those taking part are Professor Julian Peto, Dr Paul Grint, Dr Michael G. Smith, and** 3.00 **Take the High Road** 3.25 **Thames news headlines** 3.30 **Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 **Films.** **Christopher Lillcrap with the two of Norman the Doorman** 4.10 **The Telebugs** 4.20 **Running Loose.** **A new six-part documentary series about a group of inmates studying ecology on a camping holiday, based on an English country farm.** (The first) 4.45 **Dangermouse.** **Oracle of a new series about the fearless rooster and his vainglorious assistant, Penfold.**
5.15 **Blockbusters.** **General knowledge game for teenagers.**
5.45 **News with Alister Stewart.** 6.00 **Thames news.**

6.20 **Crossroads.** Anne-Marie is put through her paces by *Adam*.

6.45 **Emeralds Farm.** Annie receives little comfort from her family after Sandra leaves.

7.15 **The Magician (1974)** The starring Bill Buxy as Anthony Doran, a magician who solves the mystery death of a man who died during his act. A minor television thriller directed by Marvin Chomsky.

8.30 **Miss World 1986** introduced by Peter Marshall and Mary Stavin, Miss World 1977, from the Royal Albert Hall. The winner is the swiftwater and national costume parades in Macau in the South China Sea. The cabaret is provided by Five Star.

10.06 **Nets** with Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes.

10.30 **Quincy.** The investigative pathologist helps the police nail a sex attacker whose latest victim dies. Starring Jack Klugman.

11.30 **The Business of Excellence.** Michael E Porter, professor of business administration at Harvard Graduate Business School lectures on 'Being Competitive'.

12.15 **Knowledge North By-election.** The result and analyses of the vote presented by Alastair Burnet. With MPs Kenneth Clarke, Roy Hattersley, and David Steel.

12.55 **Night Thoughts**

1.00 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Geoff Meade. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30; 7.00; 7.30; 8.00; 8.30 and 9.00; international news at 6.55; sport at 8.40 and 7.40; terrorism at 6.55; cartoon at 7.25; pop music at 7.55; and Jeni Barnett's postbag at 8.35. The Afternoon news include Giles Gresham and Claire Rayner.

- 2.15 **Their Lordships' House.** A repeat of last night's highlights of the State Opening of Parliament. Introduced by Glyn Mathias.
- 2.30 **Film: If I Were King** (1938) starring Ronald Colman as the 15th-century poet, Edmund Spenser, who escapes Paris from invaders and then escapes the noose that has been placed for his neck. With Basil Rathbone and Ellen Drew. Directed by Frank Lloyd.
- 4.20 **Cartoon.** Woody Woodpecker in Barring Woods.
- 4.30 **Countdown.** Yesterday's winner of the anagrams and mental arithmetic competition is played by Christine Poulton, from Leek, Staffordshire. The questionmaster is Richard Whiteley assisted by Bill Tidy as adjudicator.
- 5.00 **Charlie Chaplin Cavalcade*** (1984) A compilation of four comedies made by and starring Charlie Chaplin in 1916 - One AM in which he plays a drunk. The Rink in which he creates chaos. The Floorwalker where an escalator is the scene for a shambles involving a store detective; and The Rink in which he plays a waiter with a passion for roller skating.
- 6.30 **Union World** presented by Trevor Hyatt. Ms Brenda Dean, general secretary of Sogat '82, discusses Fleet Street and anti printing matters with Eddy Shaf.
- 7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Peter Siddons and Nicholas Owen.
- 7.50 **Comment.** With his view on a cartoonist is Trevor Carter, a teacher and trade unionist. Weather.
- 8.00 **Equinox: Skyscraper.** This last programme in the series traces the actual design of a building that have led to the building of quarter mile high office blocks. (see Choice)
- 9.00 **On Mideasteen.** American

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Jan Francis and Paul Nicholas begin a new series of Just Good Friends with a meeting in romantic Paris: BBC 1 9.30pm

Home. The importance of home, and first-hand accounts of the despair faced by those who are homeless.

6.20 **Bress Tucks: No Bag of Roses.** David Taylor reports on the state of community care for the mentally handicapped. (see Choice)

6.00 **Environment USA** Introduced by Jonathan King. A new series begins with a report from a far flung outpost of the United States - the Hawaiian Islands. About 3,000 miles from Los Angeles. There is also an interview with Elton John.

9.30 **Television and Number 10.** The second and final part of the documentary about the relationship between British prime ministers and the box.

10.30 **Newsnight 11.15** Weather.



9.30 **Starring Maureen Kilian, with**
John G. Cavanagh
Flam: Our Men in Havana*
(1956) starring **Al Guinness**.
Guinness' sardonic comedy
thriller about a vacuum cleaner
salesman in Cuba who decides
to supplement his sales by
acting as a double agent. He
disgusts the tasteless, over-
sensitive tastes of his daughter by
offering his services to the
British Secret Service. In order
to justify his pay, and having
no way to get out of the country
any more, he resorts to
invention. With **Maureen**
O'Hara, **Burl Ives**, **Ralph**
Richardson and **Noel Coward**.
Directed by **Carol Reed**.

11.30 **Directed by Carol Reed.**
How Green Was My Valley*
(1941) starring **Robert Taylor**. A look
at how life in Northern Ireland,
Ireland, and Britain has been
affected by the year-old
Hillsborough Agreement.

... 12.00 Knowsley North-by-election
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1.20 Newcastle 1.20 Gateshead 1.25
Lookaround 1.30-2.30 Randal and
Hopkin (deceased) 6.30-2.30 Northern Life
1.20-2.30 Newcastle 1.20 Gateshead
12.00 Knowsley North-by-election 12.35pm
Things of God 1.40 Clio

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm
Ulster 1.20pm Ulster 1.30-2.30 The Fall
Guy 3.20-4.00 Different Stories 6.00 Good
Company 6.00-6.30 The 1970s
Countryprint 11.30 Castrolia Highway
12.00 Knowsley North-by-election

YORKSHIRE As London except:
1.20pm Yorkshire 1.20pm Yorkshire
Luncheon Life 1.20p Calendar News 1.30-
2.30 The Yellow Rose 6.00-6.30 Calendar
10.30-11.00 Yorkshire 11.30pm
11.30 New Avengers 7.25pm Calendar
North-by-election

SAC As London except:
11.00pm Scotland 11.45 In
travel 12.00p Treasures Burma 1.00
Years Ahead 1.45 The Landings House
1.50-2.00 The Landings House
of Sherrock Holmes (Arthur Warner) (1935)
4.00 Planetation 4.30 Afro Arise 4.25 White
and Black 4.30-5.00
What's It? 5.00m 6.00m 6.00m 5.00 White On

Miss World 1977, Mary Stavin, and Peter Marshall, present this
year's competition from the Royal Albert Hall. **ITV 8.30pm**

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MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below). News on 6.30am on the half-hour from 6.30am until 8.30pm then at 10.00 and 12.00 midnight.
5.30am Adnan John 7.00 Mike Smith's Breakfast Show 9.30 Simon Bates 12.30 Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 Newsbeat (Ian Parkinson) 5.45 Bruno Brookes 7.30 Janice Pennington 9.30 Newsbeat 10.00-12.00am Ken Bruce 16.15g 10.00-12.00am Ken Bruce
VHF Stereo Radios 1 & 2: 4.00pm As Radio 2, 10.00pm As Radio 2, 1.12.00-4.00pm As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF.

News on the hour. Sports
Decks 1.05pm, 2.02, 3.02, 4.02,
5.05, 6.02, 6.45 (MF only), 9.55.
Cricket First Test. Reports at
1.15pm, 2.02, 3.02.
0.00am Club. Berry 5.30 Ray
Moore 7.30 Derek Jameson 8.30
Ken Bruce 11.00 Jeffrey Archer
1.05pm David Jacobs 2.05 Gloria
Hunniford 5.05 John Dunn 7.00
Country Club 8.00 Rhythm and
Blues 10.00 The News
Huddlesford 10.00 For Hard and
easy 10.30 Star Sound
Cinema, 11.00 Brian Matthew
1.00am Charles Nova 3.00-4.00
A Little Night Music.

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6.55 Weather. **7.00** News
7.06 Concert: Handel (Music for the Royal Fireworks: Pro Arte Orchestra)
Smetana (Laudes on the death of Ferdinand III: London Baroque), Bach (Six-part Flötenzehr, Musica Offering: Edwin Fischer GO), Frederick The Great (Symphony No 3: Pro Arte Orchestra, Munich).
8.00 News
8.06 Concert (cont'd): Brahms (Variations on St Anthony Choral: the Komarskys, on St Anthony's Day)

Concertante with Czech PC and instrumentalists).
Michael Haydn (Symphony A, P6; Franz Liszt CO).
9.00 News
9.05 This Week's Composer: Prokofiev, MGRH in 5 flat, Op 98 (USSR Ministry Defence Symphonica Band), New Year's Eve Sal War and Peace (SNO), Symphony No 6 (SNO)
10.00 Schubert: Academy of St Martin-in-Fields play (SNO) on F. D 934
10.55 Paganini: Sonatas 9.10.11. Played by Jean-Jacques Kantorow (violin), Anthea Gifford (guitar)
11.30 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC. With

Jacques van Steen). Haydn (Symphony No 52), Nielsen (Symphony No 4).

1.00 News

1.05 Birmingham Concert: Birmingham String Quartet/Ian Coady (baritone), Thea King (clarinet)/Clifford Benson (piano), Finzi (By footpath and stile), Benjamin (Le tombeau de Ravel), Elaine Hugh-Jones (Six songs of Walter de la Mare).

2.00 Natasha: music from the trial of Walter de la Mare. A musical portrait of the poet.

2.30 **Allyah** *rev.* Rimsky-Korsakov Quartet play the String Quartet in G

3.00 **American piano music:** Bennett Lerner plays

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3.30 Schuman's *Voyage*, 1953,
and Bernstein's *Touches*
Guilddahl String
Ensemble; with Jonathan
Newright (piano) and Jane
Salon (cello). Mozart
(*Divertimento in B flat, K 15*
11), Boccherini (Cello
Concerto No 7),
Mendelssohn (String
Symphony No 12). **4.55**
News
5.00 Mainly for Pressure:
recorded music,
presented by Michael
Graham

- 6.30** Bandstand: Agnes Street Band play *Bandstand's* Centaur, Holst's *Moorish Suite*, and *Bourgeois Aspirations*
- 7.00** NCOs Symphony Orchestra (under Eupasi). *Marfan* (Symphony No 36), Dukas (*The Sorcerer's Apprentice*)
- 7.45** *One Pair of Ears*: a review of the musical broadcasts of the week on radio. With Christopher Haxington
- 8.00** *Two*: Nikolaeva: piano recital. Shostakovich's 24 Preludes and Fugues, Nos 13 to 24
- 9.30** *City of Light*: French popular songs of the Thirties. A talk by Adrian

9.45 Falls: Boris Pergamenschikov (cello), Pavel Gililov (piano).
Marchal arrangement of the Suite populaire espagnole

10.00 Music in Our Time: recordings of Soviet works including Piano Suite No 2 by Vasilii Lobanov, played by the composer; Sofia Gubaidulina's 'Fortune teller' for jazz performers and orchestra, with vocals by Valentina Ponomareva; and Vyacheslav Artyomov's

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5.55 Shipping 6.00 News Brief
Weather 6.10 Farming
6.25 Prayer (s)
6.30 Today, Incl 6.30, 7.30,
8.30 News. 6.45
Business News. 6.55, 7.55
Weather. 7.00, 8.00
News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.
Thought for the Day. 8.35
Yesterday in Parliament.
8.57 Weather, Travel.
9.00 News 8.05 in Business.
With Peter Smith.
9.05 In Business. With Peter
Smith.
9.30 The Radio Programme.

- Reviews of and reports on radio programmes. With Laune Taylor, Ken Livingstone and Sarah Daint.
- 10.00 News: Medicine Now.
- 10.30 Morning Story: "A Reasonable Doubt" by Paultyn Manninan. Reader: Linda Wary.
- 10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
- 11.00 News, Travel, Markets. Mary Goldring raises trade union and unemployment issues with John Edmondson and Eric Hammond (5)
- 11.48 Tales of Long Ago: Howie Firth, who legends the head light on the past (6) What's in a Name?
- 12.00 News: What and Yours.

Thomas and the Earl of Rom
was Jessica Mann and
Russell (r).

1.00 The World at One: News

1.40 The Archers.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour.
Including Jenny Cuff on
the trail of the modern lady

3.00 News; The Afternoon
Play. Antibodies by
George Tabori. With Amanda
Murray and Terry Molloy.
The story of a village school
headmistress (r).

4.00 News

4.05 Bookshelf. Susan Hill
presents the Books
programme. She talks to J.

4.35 Kaleidoscope. Last night's edition, repeated
5.00 PM. News magazine.
5.50 Shipping
6.00 News: Financial Report
6.30 Legal, Decent, Honest and Truthful. Martin Jarvis and Christopher Gwynn star in a comedy

series set in an advertising agency (7)

7.00 News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 Any Answers? Letters sent in by listeners in response to last week's *Any Questions*. With John Timpon

7.40 Gordon: The Escapist. Jonathan Hickson traces the personality behind the identities of Josephine Tey (Gordon Daviot and Elizabeth Mackintosh are the other two).

8.10 The Price of Advice.

John Howard assesses the value of Britain's only national, free advice bureau, the Citizens Advice Bureau.

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? For disabled listeners and their families.

9.30 Tales From a Palm Court. Another instalment from the island adventures of Roy and the Knox-Knower. Read by Ian Carmichael.

9.45 Kaleidoscope, includes comment on Lost Empires, on ITN.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: A House for Mr Bisswas by Michael Vovsey (2). Read by Gerald Green. 10.25

Weather

10.30 The World Tonight

11.15 The Financial World

12.00 News: Weather: News: Knowsley North By Election Special. With Hugh Young.

12.43 By-Election Special. Until 1.00am

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather: Travel 9.00-10.45 For Schools: 9.05 Preview 9.06 An Assembly for Schools 9.30 Secondary 5:55 (11-14) (s) 9.55 First Steps in Drama (s) 10.15 Something to Think About 10.25 Talk to a Sports

Star (s).
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SPORT

Polish defeat Ireland handily

Poland cruised to a comfortable 1-0 win over Republic of Ireland in a friendly match at Warsaw yesterday. Two players making their debuts combined to score the only goal, which came three minutes before half time amid a low-key performance.

The Polish forward Koniarz calmly beat Bonner in the Irish goal from a precise cross sent by his midfield colleague Rudy.

The second half was highlighted by the performance of midfield player Tansiewicz, who made a scaring series of runs at the Irish goal, and almost added a second goal when a shot from 30 yards was badly-parried by Bonner, and almost crept in on the rebound.

Hungary's hopes of progressing beyond the group rounds of the European Championship all but disappeared in Athens when they were beaten 2-1 by Greece yesterday. They are now bottom of group five, with no points from two matches.

Greece, very much in charge early on, established a two-goal lead after 65 minutes. Hungarian substitute Boda revived his side's faint hopes with a goal 17 minutes from the end, but the home side hung on to win.

The future now looks bleak for the East European side, who returned from the World Cup in disgrace following heavy defeats in the opening rounds in Mexico. Manager Imre Kohna threatened to break up the team if it was disgraced in Athens, and the result could spell the end of several players' international careers.

The Hungarians failed to produce a shot on goal in the first half, and were kept in the match by a string of excellent saves by their goalkeeper, Szendrei. But slack defence allowed Mitropoulos to open the scoring in the 38th minute, and another error 20 minutes into the second half gave Anastopoulos, playing in his 55th international, the second goal.

Czechoslovakia and Denmark remain locked at the top of group six following their 0-0 draw in Bratislava. Almost 50,000 spectators watched a game that rarely showed much spark.

The Danish defence were frequently troubled by the Czech attackers, who were too often over-elaborate in front of goal.

Danish strikers Elkjaer and Laudrup were constantly pestered by a home defence well-manned by Levy, leaving the crowd's wait for goals in vain. The two teams top the group with three points each from two matches. Wales, the next team to face the Czechs, will be pleased to learn that Levy received his second championship booking, and will miss the group match in April.

Hughes saves the blushes as Irish stumble on

From Clive White
Lzmir, Turkey

Turkey.....0
Northern Ireland.....0

Turkey, the team whom England embarrassed to the tune of 13 goals in the last World Cup qualifying competition, were again allowed to recover their respectability by a disappointingly dull Northern Ireland side.

In a group of this European championship where either country's interest is purely academic it was to be hoped that the Irish could offer some encouraging pointer towards the future, particularly in terms of a greater attacking awareness.

With Wilson, a prolific goal scorer for Brighton, making his international debut, Penney, his club team mate passed fit earlier in the day after suffering from tendonitis and Clarke hitting the net for Southampton with increasing regularity, hopes were high, fingers crossed. But there was no adventure in Irish hearts nor confidence in their ability to piece together a game which might expose a defence that had conceded four to Yugoslavia a fortnight ago when looking even inferior to the side which had capitulated against England.

Turkey made two changes but it might have been 11 judging by the effect they had upon Northern Ireland. There were too many anonymous performances in attacking positions in the Northern Ireland team; in defence they were their usual unsubmitting selves. Quinn and Campbell were both substituted in the last 16 minutes as Billy Birmingham, the Northern Ireland manager, tried to jolt his players out of a uninspiring pattern. The absence of Whiteside, Stewart and Nicholl should hardly have

Scotland to test new pitch

Scotland is set to follow the example of some English football clubs by permitting the introduction of artificial all-weather pitches. Following a meeting of the 38 League clubs in Glasgow yesterday, Jim Farry, the Scottish League secretary, revealed that there is a willingness to experiment with the new synthetic surface for a trial period.

Stirling Albion, of the second division, have applied to lay an artificial pitch. "The general impression gained from the meeting is that the majority of the clubs may be willing to allow an experiment in Scotland," Farry said. "That viewpoint will now be relayed to the League management committee."

devalued the Irish so severely. Goodness knows how well an Irish victory would have gone down with the home crowd who before the finish were flinging cardboard pieces on to the pitch in disgust at their own team's failure to take advantage of the opposition. The decision beforehand of Coskun, the Turkish manager, to resign was well timed in their eyes.

Turkey have repeatedly caused Northern Ireland problems down the years even though the Irish have lost only one of their seven meetings. Three years ago that single defeat cost them a highly merited presence in the European championship finals in France. Here with little at stake apart from their pride they again stumbled their way through.

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The Turks attitude towards visiting teams seems to have mellowed since seven years ago when the players of Wales were pelted with tomatoes before play had even begun. Yesterday afternoon they restricted it to an audible assault upon Irish nerves in this 70,000 capacity Ataturk Stadium. The crowd, though, was a disappointing one, congregating around the halfway line and up to the high perimeter like ants collecting in a sticky bowl. They were given plenty to whistle about in the opening minutes when a post and Hughes, the Irish goalkeeper came to Northern Ireland's aid in quick succession. Savas cracked the shot against an upright and Tanju, following up, extracted a fine save from Hughes.

Halifax consider survival plans

Shareholders and creditors of the fourth division club, Halifax Town, who owe £424,000, were told yesterday of two plans to ensure their survival.

The club chairman, John Madeley, said that Calderdale Council, which owns the ground on which the club has a 125-year lease, were considering both schemes.

He revealed that one London property group was offering £2.25 million to the council for the ground, which they would then develop as a shopping park - but that would mean the club having to leave the ground where they have been in operation since 1911.

If planning permission was approved, the club and the

Turkey, then, were playing as though time was running out, sprinting for the ball at every throw-in and free kick. But the adrenalin gradually decreased while Northern Ireland recovered their senses - if not their imagination.

In the first and final half hour Turkey showed excellent pace when breaking from defence with Savas at the hub of the best of their creative movement. Between these periods they became more predictable and the Irish contained them without great difficulty. But they came alive again as the game ebbed towards its inevitable stalemate. With nine minutes remaining Hughes was again required to save Irish blushes when he produced a fine scrambling save to beat out a fierce drive by Senol.

TURKEY: Fash; S. Senol, Karer, K. Ismail, Yusuf, Senol, Menn, Ugur, Senol, Tanju (sub: Othman). IRELAND: P. Hughes (Bury), M. Donaghy (Luton Town), J. McShane (Walsley), A. McDonald (QPR), D. Wilson (Brighton), D. McCreery (Newcastle United), S. Penney (Brighton), D. Campbell (Nottingham Forest), S. McCarthy, S. McCarthy (Luton), C. Clarke (Southampton), J. Quinn (Blackburn Rovers), S. L. Saunders, W. Winstanley, R. D. Patterson (Preston).

Swedish match

Cecilia Dahlman, of Sweden, is poised for a semi-final match against her compatriot, Elizabeth Ekblom, in the LTA women's indoor tournament at the Matchpoint Centre, Bramhall, Miss Ekblom, aged 28 and the top seed, put out the West German, Marina Pawlik, 6-4, 6-2 in the quarter-finals while Miss Dahlman, aged 18 and the runner-up at Queen's Club last week, disposed of Simone Schilder, of the Netherlands, 6-4, 7-6. Carin Bakker beat fellow Dutch player, Digna Ketselaar, 6-3, 6-2, and will play Regina Rajkovicova, of Czechoslovakia, for a place in Friday's final.



Soldier of fortune: Mansdorf battles to victory yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Mansdorf soldiers on after his equipment goes AWOL

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

An Israeli army sergeant confesses that the prospect of a few days' rest looms larger than tournament competition in his present list of priorities. Leconte, by 6-2, 6-7, 6-3 in the Benson and Hedges Championships at Wembley yesterday, Amos Mansdorf, aged 21, had to make do with shoes from the ball boys' stock because his own - plus two rackets - had been stolen.

Dick Savitt, the 1951 Wimbledon champion, regularly visits Israel to supervise coaching and he has been helping Mansdorf since today's soldier of the courts was 13. In the past three years, he has often sat in an army office reading tournament results instead of playing. But the army have given him a lot of time off, and, at Wembley, his game was sharpened by three matches in the qualifying competition.

This is the first time Mansdorf has beaten a player ranked in the top ten. He played well, often very well. But it did not make sense that he should beat a man who reached the French and Wimbledon semi-finals, the United States quarter-finals, and played a superb match with Stefan Edberg in Stockholm last Saturday.

The match illustrated a point made here a week ago: that, by this time of year, the better players are jaded (or injured) because they have been playing and winning so often, whereas less successful players remain fit and eager.

Leconte, for example, confesses that the prospect of a few days' rest looms larger than tournament competition in his present list of priorities.

Leconte is a special case, anyway. Earlier this year, he was laid low for almost four months with mononucleosis and hepatitis. But the rules of the grand prix insist that players compete in a fixed number of tournaments. Leconte has to keep going on court to make up for lost time. Apply that principle to your own job and you may agree that Leconte has a reasonable

designated tournaments every year. David Pate, who reached the semi-finals last year, is again in the last eight. Pate comes from Las Vegas and, like most residents of Las Vegas, has learned to respect the odds. He is a brisk and neat player, a professional's professional who tries nothing fancy but does everything right. Yesterday, he finished off Christo Steyn with two aces. Johan Kriek, playing his first tournament since the US championships, beat Scott Davis to reach the quarter-finals for the second consecutive year.

The first result of the day was that of a doubles match begun the previous evening. Sherwood Stewart and Kim Warwick, respectively aged 40 and 34, came back from 3-5 down in the third set to beat Jakob Hlasek and Leonardo Lavalle 6-3, 6-7, 10-8 in a match that lasted two hours and 12 minutes and ended at 1.34 am. That was a late working shift for such elderly players.

There was another good win in the doubles when two Australians, Brod Dyke and Wally Masur, beat Andres Gomez and Tomas Smid 7-6, 3-6, 9-7. Gomez and Smid have both won grand slam tournaments this year with other partners, and they were seeded second at Wembley. Dyke and Masur are a more familiar team and tend to be hard to beat.

Results

FIRST ROUND: S. Zisnevschi (Yug) bt J. Garmisch (West), 7-5, 6-4, D. Pate (USA) bt C. Steyn (RSA), 6-1, 6-2; J. Kriek (RSA) bt D. Pate (USA), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; A. Mansdorf (Isr) bt H. L. Saunders (Wales), 6-2, 6-4; S. L. Saunders (Wales) bt C. Clarke (South), 7-5, 6-4, 6-3; Y. Nash (Fru) bt M. DePalmer (USA), 5-7, 6-2.

In suggesting that the rules should be applied more flexibly to players who have been ill or injured.

It must be added that the players' union, the Association of Tennis Professionals, are partly to blame for today's system. The 1973 Wimbledon boycott arose from a sound ATP principle that players should be free to play when, and where, they choose as long as they honoured their commitments. The ATP have since found it expedient to compromise that principle by accepting a fixed number of

Sleeping giants wake up at last

Real Madrid may have arrived in the European Cup quarter-finals by virtue of the failures of Juventus from the penalty spot but there is a growing confidence within the Spanish champions' squad that this may be the year in which they reclaim their former glories.

The six-times winners of the premier trophy of European club football last appeared in a Champions' Cup final in 1981 when they lost 1-0 to Liverpool in Paris in a final best remembered by one critic's description of the play as "chloroform football." Now, however, with a team full of pace, strength, vision and experience, they are hoping to match the magical traditions of a heritage left by Di Stefano, Gento and Puskas.

"We have been haunted by their names and the great teams of the past," said Juanito, their veteran winner and a key member of the 1981 team, who now, at the age of 31, has become a tactical substitute and expert penalty-taker. "But I think this team can emulate the old ones if we have luck on our side. The old team played in a different era but this one has the same commitment to attack and the same flair and individuality inside a team framework."

"It is certainly the best Real Madrid team I have played with in my career. The players are young but experienced and they have everything to play for."

Juanito revealed his continuing value to Madrid by stroking home the fourth Madrid penalty in the Stadio Comunale as Juventus suffered a nightmare defeat in front of their own fans. A few moments earlier, Madrid's other elder statesman, the Argentine World Cup-winning forward Jorge Valdano, had placed an impeccable low spot-kick past Stefano Tacconi to put the Spanish champions 2-1 ahead on penalties.

Team capable of great success

Valdano, an intellectual figure and something of a loner among the noisy entourage which swept in and out of Turin, felt sympathy for Juventus in defeat but agreed with Juanito that Real Madrid were a team capable of great achievements.

"The coach, Leo Beenhakker, has given us the confidence to attack powerfully as a unit and to express ourselves more. It means the younger players can run and run and we older ones can use our heads," Valdano said. "For example, players like Emilio Butragueño, Hugo Sanchez and Rafael Gordillo can make attacks without worrying too much. There are experienced defenders behind them and good players in Jose Camacho and Ricardo Gallego who can keep everything organized."

Valdano, born in Santa Fe, Argentina, is a tall and athletic figure dubbed the "philosopher" by his fans and friends in Madrid because of his intelligent and articulate approach to the game and a liking for literature. On the pitch, he uses his height to great advantage with astute flicks and dangerous attempts on goal from dead ball situations.

His controlled style of running and intelligent use of the ball perfectly complements the daring individual skills of the Mexican international, Sanchez, and Butragueño, who both possess the ability to beat defenders at will with the ball. But, like Juanito, he recognizes that Madrid's strength lies in midfield where Michel, Gallego and Gordillo, frequently supplemented by the abrasive skills of specialist marker Chendo, combine pace and experience with technical skills that even the great Michel Platini has been forced to hustle in search of possession when Madrid took control.

'We can match and beat the best'

Valdano said: "I am enjoying myself more than at any time in my career. It has been a great year and should lead to the final - at least we hope so. We believed that it was a terrible thing to meet Juventus in only the second round. It should have been a final or a semi-final - but we knew it was the most important match of the season too and we had to win."

"I think it will be a turning point. We have proved Madrid are able to match and beat the best and the biggest and now we must go on from there." Few would argue with Valdano's assessment. Madrid have brought together one of Europe's outstanding club teams and one worthy of following in such famous footsteps.

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Watson back in action

Dave Watson, Everton's England defender, is expected to play in a Central League match against Blackburn Rovers at Goodison Park tonight. Watson has missed Everton's last four games with a hamstring injury.

Cowans to be sued

Brisbane (AP) - The Brisbane cricket club Western Suburbs is to sue Norman Cowans, the former England Test bowler, for breach of contract, according to the club captain, John Bell. Cowans, a Middlesex player, was contracted to turn out for Western Suburbs for the Australian summer, but flew back to London on October 31 after just one-and-a-half games.

He gave flood damage at his London flat as the reason for his hurried departure but, when he arrived in London, claimed the only job he was offered in Australia was as a doorman. "We hope to get a judgment here and serve him with it in England," Bell said. The club was at least \$45,000 (£2,200) out of pocket, he said.

Garmisch bid Munich (AP) - The West German Alpine resort of Garmisch-Partenkirchen, which staged the Winter Olympics in 1936, is considering a bid for the 1994 winter Games. It will be the first occasion when the summer and winter Olympics are separated.

Trial by video Roy Haggerty, the St Helens forward, faces a trial by video at the Rugby League disciplinary committee meeting in Leeds today. Officials will watch a recording of events in the first division championship match between St Helens and Salford on October 17.

New chairman

The British Ski Federation have appointed Tom Fitzpatrick, the managing director of LSI Computers, to be their new chairman. He takes over from Alan Bradshaw, who is becoming increasingly involved in his mountaineering responsibilities at Plas-y-Brenyn. Aubrey Fielder has also resigned as secretary general of the Ski Federation. He is to become involved in an outward-bound centre in Wales.

Wilson out

Runcorn Highfield have sacked their coach, Frank Wilson, despite the club lying in fifth place the second division of the Stones Bitter Rugby League championship. Wilson, appointed during the summer, was voted the divisional coach of the month in October.

Early plans

Worcestershire, the favourites to sign Ian Botham, revealed last night they already have a major sponsor lined up to offset the cost of employing the England all-rounder, should they win the race to secure his services.

Jones for sale

Swinton have transfer-listed winger Ken Jones, the former England Rugby Union co-captain, at a fee of £10,000. Jones, aged 24, joined Swinton from Leigh RUFC six years ago.

Goodyear to withdraw from Formula One

By John Blunsden

Grand Prix racing is the latest casualty in the battle by Goodyear to fight off the takeover bid by Sir James Goldsmith. Yesterday the company, which was expected to be the only tyre supplier in Formula One next year following the withdrawal of Pirelli, announced it was terminating its direct financial support of Grand Prix racing as part of its "corporate restructuring programme to enhance shareholder value."

The company has already announced it is disposing of its aerospace, wheel manufacturing and Celeron energy companies in order to raise funds with which to buy back its own shares, and on Tuesday it revealed that its European airship division was also to be closed down. Goodyear's racing tyre manufacturing base is in Akron, Ohio, but the racing services organization has its headquarters in Wolverhampton, where redundancies are inevitable.

The company has already informed both FISA, the governing body of the sport, and FOCA, the constructors' association, of its decision, and the only glimmer of hope for Formula One teams is that Goodyear has indicated to both bodies that it is willing to negotiate to manufacture and sell a standard specification tyre for use in 1987. This would suggest that the sport

would have to pay for the facility, also for the essential servicing which would be needed to back up the tyre supply. This would be a complete reversal of the situation in the past where Goodyear (and other tyre suppliers) have made a major financial contribution to be part of the Formula One scene, including regular payments to leading teams which take part in tyre tests. Goodyear has never divulged the extent of its investment in Formula One, but as it has been servicing the needs of the majority of teams, it is difficult to imagine how this could have been achieved at a cost of less than \$5-20 million per season.

Goodyear's involvement in Grand Prix racing dates back to the early 60s, and during this period they have supplied the tyres for the world champion driver on 14 occasions, including the season just ended.

It remains to be seen whether the Goodyear announcement causes a rethink by Pirelli, or perhaps encourages Michelin to make a Formula One comeback earlier than they might otherwise have contemplated. The other possibility, of course, is Japan's entry into the Grand Prix scene - something which has been on the cards for some time.

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